

The Review will give consideration to the attraction into nursing as a career.

As a 'baby-boomer' beginning my 'Transition to Retirement' and a Nurse Educator I have thought long and hard to regards what and whom will be taking over the reins. It is no longer realistic that just 'wanting to help others' is enough. Of course caring is important but with the development of technology and the ever changing expectations of the public, the demands on the 'Nurse' is phenomenal. The intellectual requirements of the individual are a lot higher than what they used to be, but I personally think the 'Emotional Intelligence', fortitude and resilience are paramount.

With 30 years of experience, primarily in Forensic Psychiatry and the Prison Service I have observed a cataclysmic rise in the severity of Occupational Violence that nurses are subjected to. It is now apparent that we require some sort of 'Foundation' course to prepare our successors for what they are entering into.

It is not all gloom and doom though, I have enjoyed my career immensely and consider myself lucky that I was 'groomed' by likeminded individuals that had a balance of being able to 'care' for those challenging patients as well as being able to 'care for themselves'.

Regards

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