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Mental Health Module

Assignment - SEN/SRN Conversion Course

October 2011 Intake (Course 24)

Title: Communication in the Nurse Patient relationship

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Many general nurses will come into contact with people with mental health problems.

General nurses appear to hold stereotypical ideas of mental illness, therefore showing they too fear people with a diagnosis of a mental illness. It could be argued this could be related to fear of the unknown, leading to few nurses, other than psychiatric nurses, acquiring satisfaction from caring for clients with a mental health problem. This could easily lead to a communication breakdown between nurses and their patients.

Nurses must communicate effectively in order to perform their roles as educator and active member of the health care team. Communication takes various forms and occurs both at the verbal and non-verbal level. As vital as communication is, it is rarely simple.

After completing your Mental Health module discuss the process of communication and explore the ways in which nurses can use effective communication not only to improve their relationships with clients but also to improve outcomes of care.

Length – 1500 to 2500 words

Double line spacing is to be used throughout.

Creativity, proof of correspondence or contact and use of on-line services will be acknowledged and rewarded. However avoid relying solely on on-line references.

Late submissions will receive at least a lower grade mark.