

Persuasive Speech Outline
The Unhealthy Nursing Shortage
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Planning Steps:

Purpose: to persuade my audience to take action to minimize the nationwide nursing shortage

Thesis: Our nation's nurses are being worked to death and we as potential patients are directly affected.

Organizational Pattern: cause, effect, solution

I. Introduction

- A. Attention Getter: Nurses Day
- B. Relevance: We are all potential patients and thus need to pay particular attention to the nursing shortage
- C. Credibility:
- D. Thesis: Our nation's nurses are being worked to death and we as potential patients are directly affected.
- E. In order to understand the scope of this national problem, we will first diagnose the causes of nursing shortages, then examine its effects, and finally slap on a band-aid and give a sucker to the solutions.

Transition- many nurses are not working in a health field today

II. Body

- A. The reasons why a nursing shortage exists
 - 1. nursing is a high stress profession
 - 2. hospitals unwillingness to pay for a full staff
 - 3. fewer students entering the nursing profession

Transition- The shortage must be dealt with immediately because it is affecting more than just the nurses

- B. The effects of the nursing shortage
 - 1. damaging patients health while staying in the hospital
 - 2. affecting patients after they return home

Transition- All of us will spend some time in a hospital, thus we need to make sure that the nursing crisis we are facing will merely be a short one.

- C. Solutions
 - 1. Federal government must intervene with funding and support
 - 2. change within the health care system must take place
 - 3. action on a personal level must be accomplished

Transition- Being admitted into a hospital is not usually a fun experience

III. Conclusion

- A. Thesis- Our nation's nurses are being worked to death and we as potential patients are directly affected.
- B. Summary- By analyzing the causes, examining the effects, we have hopefully prescribed some solutions that can lessen the strain of the nursing shortage.
- C. Memorable Close- Nursing shortages affect our road to better health.