

To whom it may concern,

I have been in mental health nursing since 1969 and have worked in a variety of hospital, community and now in university as a nurse lecturer. I believe there is a major discrimination against mental health in the education system, in that very few nursing students have had any insights into aspects of mental health during their school days. This is in stark contrast to the nursing students having very significant insights into aspects of physical health such as healthy eating, healthy heart campaigns, healthy sexual practices, etc. In many aspects the only insights that the nursing students have from their school days tends to be negative mental illness related and often of distorted proportions due to media reports, e.g. violence associated with psychiatric patients in the community. Grateful for feedback r/e my comments. Regards Joe.

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