

LETTERS *to the editor*

The “Write On” column is intended as a forum for students to respond to articles in *Imprint*® as well as issues in nursing today. Please send your letters to nsna@nsna.org attn: WRITE ON.

Dear NSNA,

Awhile back I was desperately looking for work. I did not find anyone who was willing to hire, or for that matter, even willing to return my phone calls. However, one of my professors sent me to her family’s subacute care facility for hire. I began in January 2009 and worked through May, as a “vent” nurse. They could not keep me on (most of their nurses are LPNs) but I am grateful for the time I spent there.

My professor is a truly remarkable teacher who guides hapless nursing students with intent and personal concern. Again, I have found that there is not much in hospitals for a new nurse, at least one without a BSN and/or two years experience. So I have pursued another course. I was out of work for a mere 10 days and am now working in pediatric home care, caring for a child with dramatic medical issues. The pay is great, the hours are great, and it provides me the opportunity to accomplish my BSN completion (I have been accepted to Drexel University). While none of this went the way I expected, I am blessed. Please encourage others who may be getting lost in the shuffle that there is hope - they should spread the net wide and look for people within the industry to help them! ∞

Sincerely,
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