

## Thank goodness you chose nursing

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you hadn't picked nursing as your career? We all get fed up with our work at some point no matter what we do. But what if you had never picked nursing? Do you think life would be all that different?

If you weren't a nurse:

### **Moving would be a huge undertaking**

For most people, moving can be quite an ordeal. They have to get transferred in their company or interview for a job in another state by traveling back and forth. The only other way is to move without a job and then risk being unemployed for awhile until you find work. With nursing, all you have to do is pick up the phone to a travel nursing company who can get you a phone interview within weeks and you can have a job almost anywhere. That is tremendous. We all need to be thankful for that.

### **Your job may be cut (lay off)**

Some people, especially in the high tech industry, are laid off from time to time. One day your great job is gone along with several others in the same area and all of them are competing for other jobs. With nursing, you will more than likely be asked to work overtime before you will be laid off.

### **You may have trouble finding work**

For many people in the business world and sales, finding work can be very competitive. Many qualified people are out there going for the same jobs. Often you have to go through a series of interviews. Sometimes the initial interviews are very impersonal with a group of you expressing all your different strengths.

Recently, a wonderful author by the name of Barbara Ehrenreich wrote about this. She has always written about the poor, but this time she decided to experience the corporate world and write about it. However, after 6 months of applying for jobs and consulting with job coaches, she wasn't allowed into the corporate world. She writes about it in a humorous way. However, it can be really sad for some people out there. Thank goodness \_\_\_\_\_ didn't have to rely on getting a job for her income.

### **You may have to work two or three times harder for the same pay.**

Many good jobs out there still don't compare to your rate of salary. Many people out there work many hard hours and don't come home with anything close to what you make in a day.

When you are feeling down about your job, think again. Nursing is a great profession. It's respectable, in a clean environment that deals with real life. At a time when our

economy is starting to turn for the worst, we need to take time out to be thankful this Thanksgiving for our profession as nurses and all the great advantages we have. It's easy to take them for granted.