
Letters to the editor

Letters received from readers in response to articles and ideas published in ANS are regularly featured, providing an opportunity for constructive critique, discussion, disagreements, and comment intended to stimulate the development of nursing science. Unless otherwise stated, we assume that letters addressed to the editor are intended for publication with your name and affiliation. As many letters as possible are published. When space is limited and we cannot publish all letters received, we select letters reflecting the range of opinions and ideas received. If a letter merits a response from an ANS author, we will obtain a reply and publish both letters.

To the editor:

I recently became acquainted with your journal, and I must commend you and your staff for its excellence. It would be hoped that it can continue with optimal success. I was especially impressed with the quality of the articles published; they were in keeping with the purpose of the journal, which is "to stimulate the development of nursing science and to promote application in practice of emerging theories and research findings." Also, I liked the idea of a journal in which the articles are centered around one particular topic. Today, most of the professional journals employ a different strategy, but then your publication seems to target a more select group of nurses. This journal would benefit all of nursing's practitioners; unfortunately, I do not think many nurses would understand it.

I am looking forward to some of your forthcoming issues, specifically the one on professional issues. It will be interesting to see if it offers a different approach to the current controversies in the profession, ie, unionism, entry level into practice, or education.

Again, I was impressed with the quality of your journal and enlightened by the articles.

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To the editor:

It's high time I acknowledge to you my indebtedness to ANS, without which my thinking, teaching, private practice, and such writing as I do, would be the poorer.

Your editorial in Vol. 4, No. 2 triggered this letter. You have precisely addressed the major problem in nursing (and any other profession)—the need to conceptualize thought and action as an indivisible entity, and to profess this in word and in deed.

ANS clearly reflects nursing as an emerging science, which should give pause to those who would deny higher education for professional practice and the need for a strong professional structure accountable for credentialing of practitioners.

How much better it is to build than to bicker!

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