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# **BEING A REGISTERED NURSE**

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## ABSTRACT

This research paper aims to manifest the different aspects of a registered nurse. The respondents are the licensed registered nurses who are currently working in a private hospital. What written here in this research was based on the answers of the respondents in the survey and in the interview that is relevant to the materialization of the study.

The method that is used in this study is qualitative research. The researcher used narrative analysis to gather narrated experience of the participant about their profession that will generate qualitative data for the research study. Qualitative research is an approach where the respondents need to answer some question in paragraph form and also personal interview to used for collecting more data.

The datas that have been gathered are analyzed by the researcher and called as a qualitative data. According to the result, being a registered nurse is difficult because the nurses are responsible for the lives the of sick people. They have a big responsibility to take care of them. They may not be a doctor but they know what it feels like to lose a patient.

The research paper contains the introduction that will tackle how the researcher came up with that research topic and then the scope and limitation, it will tackle what is the scope of the study of research paper and what is not included in the research.. The Review in Related Literature, it contains the sub-topic in secondary like the qualification in how to be a registered nurse and then the top schools that offers nursing. Methods and the results, it consist of all the data that in survey such as the challenges of being a registered nurse and the freetime of a registered nurse. And then the abstract that summarizes all the things that the researcher did in this research. The conclusion it tackles on what is the conclusion of the researcher after doing

the research paper and after that the bibliography, it contains all the sources that the researcher used for doing this research.

The researcher recommends the future researcher of the same topic to have some more respondents to gain more information. To be a registered nurse, the reader needs to encounter different challenges and struggles. The researcher wants the reader to use this study as a guide to their success to become a registered nurse in the future.

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## INTRODUCTION

The researcher had many dreams when she was a child, one of them is being a doctor. Everytime someone asks her why she wanted to be a doctor, she will reason out that all doctors cure sick people. She said almost all kids dream about being a doctor one day, but as soon as they realized that being a doctor is not all about curing people their perspective changes. The researcher dreamt of being a doctor but as time passed by she realized that not all doctors can cure sick people, they are the ones responsible for the lives of the people who dies because of wrong prescription.

When she's already a teenager she suddenly wants to be a graphic designer because she likes to draw and she is really good in that field. She discovered her talent when she was consumed by boredom, she drew a scenery and her drawing turned out to be good. She always draw and somehow got tired of doing it. When she graduated high school, her mind was so confused of what she will get in college. She always thinks of what would be good for her and getting arts and design is not for her. She became practical in choosing a career that would be the best for her. The researcher believes that she can still draw and design even though she would not get arts and design.

She finally decided that she wanted to be a registered nurse because her sister is a registered nurse as well. The researcher knows how hard it is to become a registered nurse because she saw how her sister struggled in studying nursing and how her sister manages her time in work and at home while taking good care of other people and her family. Her sister influenced her, that's why she wants to follow her sister's footsteps. This research will help her

to know more about the career she chose by gathering important data relevant to what she want to be in the future. TO BE A REGISTERED NURSE.

## **SCOPE AND LIMITATION**

The purpose of this research paper is for the future researchers to know what is the needed in becoming a registered nurse. This research paper is also for the people who are still unsure and thinking of becoming a registered nurse.

This research paper will be helpful because they will discover what a registered nurse really is. It will cover the general informations about being a registered nurse. Such as, the top universities that offers nursing, the jib skills of the nurse, the major subjects of nursing, the responsibilities of being a nurse, the salary, the working hours, and many more.

The data was gathered in year 2018, but some information was gathered between year 2015-2017. The researcher gathered her data using primary and secondary source. In primary research, the researcher looked for people who has knowledge or degree about nursing and she conducted an interview and a survey as well using g-form. For the secondary research, the researcher made a list of questions regarding about in being a registered nurse then she researched for the answers for her to gain more knowledge about the career.

The research will help the highschool students who haven't decided yet and also for the next researchers for them to have a overview on this career.

## REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

When the researcher was doing her research for this paper, she discovered that there's a lot of blogs and opinions on being a registered nurse but there are no comprehensive data. However, the researcher gathered data piece by piece and connect the missing pieces together.

Nursing is a profession or practice of providing care for the sick and infirm. It is the study of being a nurse, to take care if ill people. The course consists of subjects in General Education (English, Mathematics, Filipino) and Professional Nursing (Theoretical Foundations in Nursing, Nursing Care Management).

The skills needed that is needed to be a nurse are critical thinking skills, compassion, organization skills, calm under pressure, patience, and communication skills. Those are needed because being a nurse is a hard job. You have to take care of the patients and be patient in them.

There are different types of nursing degrees available, and it is important for the aspiring nurse to understand the differences between each degree type. You can advance in your career as a nurse by getting an ADN (associates degree in nursing), a BSN (bachelor of science in nursing), a Masters Degree in nursing, and a DNP (doctor of nursing practice). For example, a nurse with a master's degree can enter into the fields of being a nurse practitioner, certified nurse anesthetist (CRNA), certified nurse midwife (CNM), or a clinical nurse specialist (CNS).

Registered nurses provide direct care to patients, while licensed practical nurses typically provide assistance to doctors or registered nurses. Licensure as a registered nurse is generally sought after graduation from a 4-year undergraduate nursing program and successful completion of the NCLEX-RN, while Licensed Practical Nurses typically only need to complete a 12-14 month post-high school course and the NCLEX-PN. Licensure as a Registered Nurse is generally



a prerequisite both for graduate nursing programs, and for advanced practice or specialty certification.

Registered nurses often work in hospitals or outpatient facilities, where they provide hands-on care to patients by administering medications, managing intravenous lines, observing and monitoring patients' conditions, maintaining records and communicating with doctors. They are also relied upon to give direction and supervision to nurse aides and home health aides. Beyond the physical support and care they provide, registered nurses may provide emotional support to patients and patients' family members. They may educate patients and the general public on disease management, special diet plans and medical conditions, provide information on home care after their treatment and teach individuals how to self-administer medication or complete other self-care tasks.

## METHODS AND RESULTS

To get an up-close view of what being a registered nurse is like, the researcher conducted two studies. First is a survey in google forms via gmail for her respondents that is too busy to have an interview for this research. Second is a one-on-one interview with 2 registered nurses.

### THE SURVEY

For the survey, the researcher asked the following questions:

- What's it like being a registered nurse?
- On scale of 1-10 how happy are you in our job?
- How many hours do you usually spend in your work for a day?
  - a. 4-7 hours   b. 8-10 hours   c. 11-14 hours   d. 15-18 hours   e. Others
- What is your monthly income as a registered nurse?
  - a. 10,000-15,000   b. 16,000-20,000   c. 21,000-25,000   d. Others
- What are the challenges you encountered when you were still a nursing student?
- What are the major subjects in nursing?
- What are the skills and talents that are required for this profession?
- What is the bar exam did you take to become a registered nurse?
- How do you overcome the emotional challenge of someone dying during your duty hours?
- What are the challenges you usually encounter when working?
- What is the most fun part in being a registered nurse?

The researcher conducted a survey using google form and send it to 5 respondents but only received 2 responses.

The first question is *“What's it like being a registered nurse?”* The first respondent said that it is really fun because making other people happy is really a fun thing to do. And she said that it is also scary for her because the lives of the patients depends on how well you do your job at work. She said that being a nurse is hard but even though it is a tiresome and a hard work, it pays off by the patients happiness and smiles especially when they go to you just to thank you for taking care of them while they were sick.

The second respondent said that being a nurse is really hard for him because he's not yet fond of all the works because he is just starting. He really hates to write reports on what they are doing in their job. He still a fresh graduate that is why he is starting to get experience from his seniors. Even though he's too lazy for his work, he is doing what he can to do better at his job because he knows that the lives of the patients depends on how well they do their job.

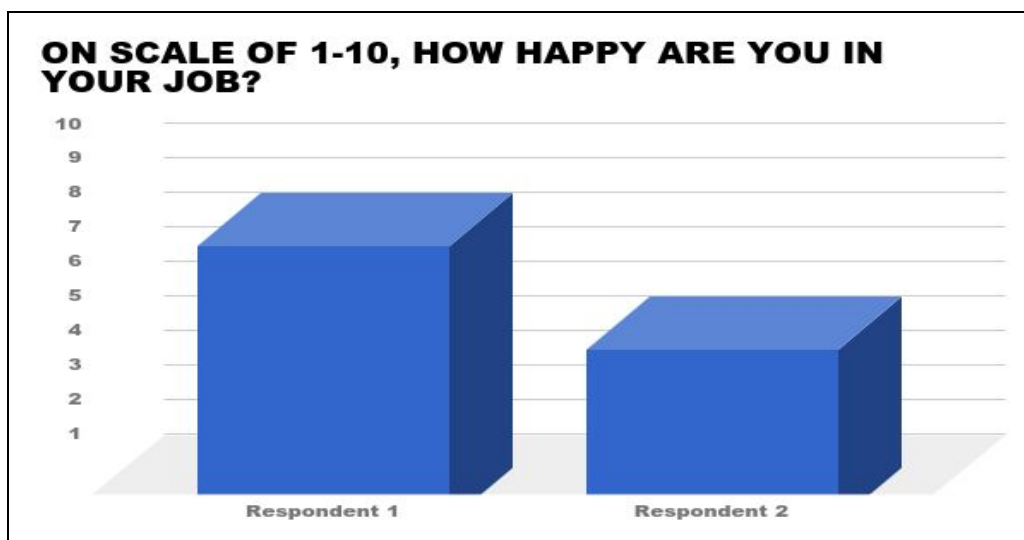


FIGURE 1: IN SCALE OF 1-10, HOW HAPPY ARE THE RESPONDENTS IN THEIR JOB?

The second question on the survey is ***“On scale of 1-10 how happy are you in your job?”*** The first respondent’s answer is 8 because she said that this job of her is perfectly for her, she loves babies and taking care of other people will ease your pain and all your stress and problems will go away.

The second respondent answered 5 because he is still unsure about the fun part in being a nurse and it is still hard for him to cope up with everything.

The third question on the survey is ***“How many hours do you usually spends in your work for a day?”*** The first and second respondent’s answers are the same, it is 8-10 hours

The fourth question on the survey is ***“What is your monthly income as a registered nurse?”*** The first and second respondent’s answers are the same as well because they are working at the same hospital.

The fifth question on the survey is ***“What are the challenges that you encountered when you was still a nursing student?”*** The first respondent’s answer is the financial problem because nursing is also expensive, she also answered the board exam because based on what the researcher found, board exam of nursing is really hard.

The fifth question on the survey is ***“What are the major subjects in nursing?”***

## CONCLUSION

The researcher gathered data through her primary and secondary source. The researcher learned many things from this research paper. She was able to confirm some of her assumptions and found out that some of them are wrong. Back then, she thought that being a nurse will be easy and she thought that if she become a registered nurse she could get a job abroad and earn a lot of money.

The researcher was not wrong at some point but thinking that being a registered nurse was easy is not right. After she gathered the data from the primary source, she then realized that being a nurse comes with a responsibility. Before becoming a registered nurse there is a board exam that is needed to get a license. And a few only passes that exam, some nurses took six times of retaking the exam before they could become a registered nurse.

The researcher now knows the advantages of being a registered nurse like after you passed the board exam, you'll be a registered nurse. But if you don't pass the licensure exam you will not be a registered nurse and you won't be able to apply in all the hospitals.

Even she knows how hard it is she will still pursue this dream of her.









