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## Re: "I don't care what you say, I want to be a PSYCHIATRIC NURSE "

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Here's a grammar check of the text, with corrections and explanations:

**Title:** "I don't care what you say, I want to be a PSYCHIATRIC NURSE!" [cite: 1]

**Paragraph 1:**

**Original:** "Look at that man over there, the one wearing a red torn shirt, ragged jeans, with dirty and unkempt hair. He's jestering wildly with his hands, talking to himself and laughing inappropriately. Hurry, cross the street! You don't know what he might do."  
[cite: 2]

**Corrected:** "Look at that man over there, the one wearing a torn red shirt, ragged jeans, and dirty, unkempt hair. He's gesturing wildly with his hands, talking to himself, and laughing inappropriately. Hurry, cross the street! You don't know what he might do."

**Explanation:** Changed "a red torn shirt" to "a torn red shirt" for better flow and adjective order. Added a comma between "dirty" and "unkempt" to create a parallel list of adjectives describing hair. Changed "jestering" to "gesturing" as that is the correct word in this context. Added commas to separate the actions in the list: "talking to himself" and "laughing inappropriately."

**Paragraph 2:**

**Original:** That easily could have described one of the chronic mentally ill (CMI) patients just being discharged in 1980's after being institutionalized for 25 years or more.  
[cite: 3]

**Corrected:** That easily could have described one of the chronically mentally ill (CMI) patients being discharged in the 1980s after being institutionalized for 25 years or more.

**Explanation:** Changed "chronic mentally ill" to "chronically mentally ill" as

"chronically" is the correct adverb form.  
Changed "1980's" to "1980s" as the apostrophe is not needed when indicating a decade. Added "the" before "1980s" for clarity.

**\*\*Paragraph 3:\*\***

\* **\*\*Original:\*\*** Many were discharged to the street with no home plan. [cite: 4]

\* **\*\*Corrected:\*\*** Many were discharged to the street with no home plan. [cite: 4]

\* **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** No change needed.

**\*\*Paragraph 4:\*\***

\* **\*\*Original:\*\*** Mental Health Systems Act (MHSA) of 1980 was a law that gave grants to community mental health systems. [cite: 5] No longer was mental health care provided at institutions but it became community based care. [cite: 6, 7]

\* **\*\*Corrected:\*\*** The Mental Health Systems Act (MHSA) of 1980 was a law that gave grants to community mental health systems. [cite: 5] No longer was mental health care provided at institutions; it became community-based care. [cite: 6, 7]

\* **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** Added "The" before "Mental Health Systems Act" as it is a proper noun. Changed the comma to a semicolon to connect the two independent clauses. Added a hyphen to "community-based" as it is a compound adjective.

**\*\*Paragraph 5:\*\***

\* **\*\*Original:\*\*** In 1985, I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN). [cite: 7, 8] Prior to this degree, I worked as a medical surgical nurse, I had always wanted to work with psychiatric patients. [cite: 8, 9] After getting my BSN degree, I told my family and friends that I was changing my nursing specialty. [cite: 9, 10] I met with some opposition. [cite: 10] I heard various comments, "Why would you want to work with those people? [cite: 10] Aren't you afraid that you will get hurt? [cite: 10]

\* **\*\*Corrected:\*\*** In 1985, I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN). [cite: 7, 8] Prior to this degree, I worked as a medical-surgical nurse. I had always wanted to work with psychiatric patients. [cite: 8, 9] After getting my BSN degree, I told my family and friends that I was changing my nursing specialty. [cite: 9, 10] I met with some

opposition. [cite: 10] I heard various comments: "Why would you want to work with those people? [cite: 10] Aren't you afraid that you will get hurt?" [cite: 10]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Added a hyphen to "medical-surgical" as it is a compound adjective. Added a period to the sentence "I worked as a medical-surgical nurse." Changed the comma to a colon to correctly introduce the list of comments.

**\*\*Paragraph 6:\*\***

\* \*\*Original:\*\* One family member stated, "You are not a real nurse if you work with those people." [cite: 10, 11] "My first job working with psychiatric clients was working at a local mental health center. [cite: 11] I will give you a brief overview of that job. [cite: 11, 12] I worked with two other mental health professionals. [cite: 12]

\* \*\*Corrected:\*\* One family member stated, "You are not a 'real' nurse if you work with those people." [cite: 10, 11] My first job working with psychiatric clients was at a local mental health center. [cite: 11] I will give you a brief overview of that job. [cite: 11, 12] I worked with two other mental health professionals. [cite: 12]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Added single quotation marks around "real" to indicate the word was emphasized in the original quote. Changed "working at" to "was at" for clarity.

**\*\*Paragraph 7:\*\***

\* \*\*Original:\*\* We taught independent living skills to a few, 6-8, clients in an attempt to help them live successfully in the community. [cite: 12, 13] We would take these clients to a small house owned by the center. [cite: 13] Working at this facility was an experiment for me to decide if I wanted to work with the psychiatric population or return to medical surgical nursing." [cite: 13, 14]

\* \*\*Corrected:\*\* We taught independent living skills to a few clients (6-8) in an attempt to help them live successfully in the community. [cite: 12, 13] We would take these clients to a small house owned by the center. [cite: 13] Working at this facility was an experiment for me to decide if I wanted to work with the psychiatric population or return to medical-surgical nursing. [cite: 13, 14]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Changed "a few, 6-8, clients" to "a few clients (6-8)" for better

parenthetical phrasing. Added a hyphen to "medical-surgical" as it is a compound adjective.

**Paragraph 8:**

**Original:** The Independent Living Skills

- 1\ Cooking
  - a. class on nutrition
  - b. make menu
  - c. grocery list
  - d. shopping
  - e. make meal
- 2\ Doing laundry
- 3\ Basic hygiene
- 4\ Budgeting money-writing checks
- 5\ First Aid
- 6\ Exercise

All of these skills are necessary when living independently. Some of the clients were in supervised living apartments. They still needed to know basic living skills.

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All of these skills are necessary when living independently. Some of the clients were in supervised living apartments. They still needed to know basic living skills.

**Explanation:** Added "a" before "menu" and "grocery list" for clarity. Added parentheses around "writing checks" to clarify.

**Paragraph 9:**

**Original:** "I admit I had low expectations that they could learn these skills. [cite: 14, 15] To me, this job would be babysitting and keeping them calm." [cite: 15]

**Corrected:** "I admit I had low expectations that they could learn these skills. [cite: 14, 15] To me, this job would be babysitting and keeping them calm." [cite: 15]

**Explanation:** No change needed.

**Paragraph 10:**

\* \*\*Original:\*\* My first group session was a learning experience as much for me as them. [cite: 15, 16] I had low expectations for them to learn or participate. [cite: 16] It was a nutrition group about food pyramid. [cite: 16, 17] During this session, they sit with their head down, making no eye contact. [cite: 17] When I started asking questions about the content of the group, several clients were able to accurately answer questions. [cite: 17, 18] Joke was on me. [cite: 18] I was really surprised but very happy. [cite: 18, 19] I had always believed you weren't listening if you didn't make eye contact and keep your head up.

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\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Changed "as much for me as them" to "as much for me as for them" for grammatical correctness. Added "the" before "food pyramid" for clarity. Changed "they sit" to "they sat" to maintain past tense consistency. Changed "Joke was on me" to "The joke was on me" for clarity.

\*\*Paragraph 11:\*\*

\* \*\*Original:\*\* Another surprise, I discovered working with this CMI population; they may look lethargic or unwilling to participate. [cite: 19, 20]

\* \*\*Corrected:\*\* Another surprise I discovered while working with this CMI population: they may look lethargic or unwilling to participate. [cite: 19, 20]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Removed the comma and added "while" to clarify the sentence structure. Changed the semicolon to a colon to properly introduce the explanation.

\*\*Paragraph 12:\*\*

\* \*\*Original:\*\* Looks can be deceiving. [cite: 20, 21] I started an aerobics class for exercise. [cite: 21, 22] Again I didn't expect much participation so I only offered the class two days a week; [cite: 22, 23] they enjoyed it so much I had to increase it to three days a week. [cite: 23, 24]

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\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Added a comma after "Again" for better flow. Changed the semicolon to a comma and added "so" to connect the clauses. Added "that" after "much" for clarity.

**Paragraph 13:**

\* \*\*Original:\*\* Building rapport is a major way to build trust with any population but especially with psychiatric clients. [cite: 24, 25, 26]

\* \*\*Corrected:\*\* Building rapport is a major way to build trust with any population, but especially with psychiatric clients. [cite: 24, 25, 26]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Added a comma after "population" to set off the contrasting phrase.

**Paragraph 14:**

\* \*\*Original:\*\* It is vital to always take your time to listen, show interest, and keep promises. [cite: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] Building rapport is vital in communication. [cite: 30, 31]

\* \*\*Corrected:\*\* It is vital to always take your time to listen, show interest, and keep promises. [cite: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] Building rapport is vital in communication. [cite: 30, 31]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* No change needed.

**Paragraph 15:**

\* \*\*Original:\*\* One of our male clients refused to take a bath at home. [cite: 21, 22] He believed that he was receiving electrical shocks in the water while bathing. [cite: 22, 23] We convinced him to bathe at the house. I had the best rapport with him so I would stand outside the bathroom door while he bathed. [cite: 23, 24]

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He believed that he was receiving electrical shocks in the water while bathing. [cite: 22, 23] We convinced him to bathe at the house. I had the best rapport with him, so I would stand outside the bathroom door while he bathed. [cite: 23, 24]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Added a period after "house" and capitalized "I" to separate the sentences. Added a comma after "him" and added "so" to connect the clauses.

**\*\*Paragraph 16:\*\***

\* \*\*Original:\*\* Our deal was that if he started feeling the shocks, I would go in.

He never felt the shocks and I never had to go into the bathroom." He bathed on a regular basis.

\* \*\*Corrected:\*\* Our deal was that if he started feeling the shocks, I would go in. He never felt the shocks, and I never had to go into the bathroom. He bathed on a regular basis.

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Changed the quotation mark to a period and added "and" to connect the clauses.

**\*\*Paragraph 17:\*\***

\* \*\*Original:\*\* Another one of my duties was making house calls if a client was in crisis or considered to be having an emergency. [cite: 25, 26, 27]

\* \*\*Corrected:\*\* Another one of my duties was making house calls if a client was in crisis or was considered to be having an emergency. [cite: 25, 26, 27]

\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Changed "considered to be having" to "was considered to be having" for parallelism.

**\*\*Paragraph 18:\*\***

\* \*\*Original:\*\* One night, there was a complaint about one of our female clients screaming and running nude around her apartment building. [cite: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] When my coworker and I arrived she stated, "When those lights land on me, they burn." [cite: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] After calming her, I asked, "Are you taking your medicine?" [cite: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] She lifts up her blouse, points to her abdomen and says, "Do you see those bumps (no bumps or discolorations) on my skin?" [cite: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] Those pills are hard. [cite: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30] My skin is

soft so my body can't absorb those hard pills."

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\* \*\*Explanation:\*\* Added a comma after "arrived". Changed "lifts" to "lifted" and "points" to "pointed" for past tense consistency. Added commas to separate the actions in the list. Added a comma before "so" to