

Guidelines for Groups

in the project titled:

Nurses Perceptions of Practicing Nursing: International Perspectives

- ❖ Address the questions:
 - What is it like to practice nursing today?
 - What changes do you envision that would nurture your ability to practice nursing as you wish to practice?
- ❖ If it would be helpful to more fully convey your experience, consider objects or pictures or stories that may represent your experiences better than words. You can consider drawings, photographs, poems, objects, or stories.
- ❖ Make sure that everyone has a chance to share ideas, experiences and perceptions. Every point of view is valuable and respected in this discussion
- ❖ There will be no tape recording of the discussion, but individual participants can keep personal notes as the discussion proceeds in order to keep track of various ideas that are expressed.
- ❖ All information shared and viewpoints expressed in the group are to remain confidential.
- ❖ Consider if there are themes that emerge from your discussion that express common elements shared among those in your group that reflect your perceptions of what it is like to practice nursing. Not everyone will have the same experiences or views, so in addition to summarizing common elements, you may want to summarize the range of experiences and points of view that are expressed in your group.
- ❖ Consider changes that you as a group envision that would bring your ideals of nursing more fully into reality.
- ❖ Toward the end of your discussion, bring your group's ideas together by developing a consensus summary that addresses the two questions above. The summary can include the objects or stories that resonate for your group, any themes that you identify. Include those things that are common among the members of your group, but also, include any perspective that is not shared among everyone, but that any participant in your group recognizes as a valuable perspective to share.

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