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Daylight saving time became a national standard in 1966 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act, which was established as a way to continue to conserve energy. The thinking was if it's light out longer, that's less time you'll need to use the lights in your house.

As we come to the conclusion of the fall semester...

we are thankful that the number of Covid cases has decreased. We are grateful for all your support with cleaning your work stations and staying home in lieu of signs and symptoms of illness. It is gratifying to see students studying together, helping one another as classmates and peers. We recognize your hard work! Your well deserved break is upon you, so take time to relax and enjoy your family and friends.



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Will "nursing" creep into your coveted rest and relaxation time? It may be difficult to avoid seeing a nurse on television or in the movies and you definitely cannot avoid seeing nurses on the news, fighting Covid in every nightly telecast. If you are inclined to binge watch a series about nurses, because you just can't break away... here are 2 highly rated series found on Netflix:

Call the Midwife: stars Oscar winner Vanessa Redgrave and is a critically acclaimed series based on the best-selling memoirs of Jennifer Worth. This series offers a dramatic look at Anglican and lay nurse-midwives during the late 1950s who care for poor women and their babies in London's East End. Because it centers in the past and outside the United States, it may not appeal to all audiences. However, the show's focus on skilled, autonomous nursing professionals is a refreshing change from shows that depict nurses as medical workers simply doing the bidding of doctors who are the only heroes in the hospital. In fact, the nurses provide most of the care, and you rarely see a physician in the series. This is quite the opposite of what's generally portrayed in many nursing shows, but it should help give patients the right idea about nursing. It also establishes a mentorship-like environment in the very beginning with the first three episodes depicting expert senior midwives guiding the newer ones.

https://www.onwardhealthcare.com/nursing-resources/popular-netflix-shows-may-give-patients-wrong-idea-about-nurses/

Virgin River: features APRN Melinda Monroe, who flees L.A. to join the solo practice of a senior physician in northern California. The first season is mainly about small town romance in the shadow of past traumas. But Mel also shows advanced skills, managing issues including post-partum depression, emergency care at a remote marijuana camp, and the physician's regressive views of nursing. Mel has her own demons, but they don't seem to impair her focus or her life-saving skills. And the people of Virgin River notice, giving her a high level of respect with little condescension. Netflix has renewed the show for a second season₂ and based on the first one, nurses should be pleased.

https://blog.truthaboutnursing.org/2020/10/virgin-river-season-1/





Diamond painting is a combination of cross-stitch and paint-bynumbers. You use an applicator to apply hundreds of sparkling resin rhinestones, one-by-one, on an adhesive color-coded canvas painting. The end result is a vivid, shimmering work of art. Each kit comes with everything you need. There are thousands of designs to choose from. You can even submit your own print for a custom kit.

It is really inexpensive, fun and addictive. A perfect way to relax.

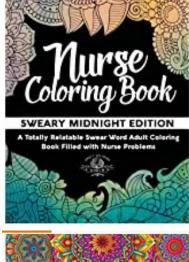
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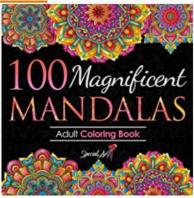


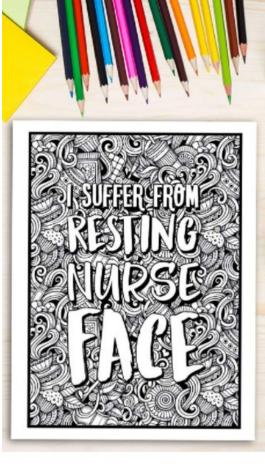
This kit can be found on Amazon for only \$9.99



Most of us haven't colored in a coloring book since we were kids. These adult coloring books are very relaxing. There are a ton of themes to pick from. Try using Prismacolor pencils or vibrant brush tip markers. Coloring has the ability to relax the fear center of your brain, the amygdala. It induces the same state as meditating by reducing the thoughts of a restless mind. This generates mindfulness and quietness, which allows your mind to get some rest after a long semester of nursing school.









November 11th is the date of Veterans Day each year, with only the day of the week fluctuating. What's the significance of that exact date? The armistice between the allied forces and Germany was put into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.



VETERANS DAY BY THE NUMBERS

https://nationaltoday.com/veterans-day/

19.5 million - the approximate number of veterans in the United States.

9 million - the number of veterans over the age of 65.

5.06 million - the number of veterans receiving disability compensation.

2 million - the number of female veterans of those receiving disability compensation.

500k – the number of World War II veterans still living in the United States.

1.56 million – the number of veterans in California, the highest number in the country.

1.46 million - the number of veterans in Texas, the second-highest number in the country.

4 11% – the percentage of veterans who experience homelessness.

50% – the percentage of veterans experiencing homelessness who also live with a mental illness like PTSD.

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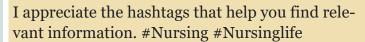
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Happy Thanksgiving

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There are three million nurses in the U.S.

The <u>U.S. Bureau of</u>
<u>Labor Statis-</u>
<u>tics</u> reported that
there were about
three million nurses
as of 2020. To put
this into perspective,

there are roughly as many nurses as people living in Jamaica.

On a global scale, there are over 28 million nurses in the world. This accounts for 59% of healthcare professionals. As of October 2020, there were more than 4 million registered nurses in the United States. The average age of those nurses is 47.9 years old and almost half of the nurses (47.5%) are aged 50 and older.

Men are a growing portion of nurses in the United States. In 2018, men made up 9.6% of the total nursing population which was an increase from 7.1% in 2008.

