NR 535 Week 1 Collaboration Café: Role of the Nurse Educator

Share your goals for future practice in either nursing professional development or academic nursing education.

My future aspirations in nursing professional development include being certified, gaining a position in professional development at the hospital where I now work, and assisting new nurses in transitioning from the educational to clinical phases. I'd also like to strengthen my healthcare technology abilities so that I can better understand and apply its features to my nursing practice.

As you consider this future role, what support and resources are necessary to position you for success?

As I consider the future, I believe I will need the support from my managers, supervisors, and network who already have recognized my ability and frequently challenged and pushed me beyond my comfort zone. I will need support and encouragement from the professional development department as I slowly get confident in my abilities as well. I will also need to be proficient in my public speaking skills. For the time being, my resources include the faculty at Chamberlain and the Professional Development Department of help whenever I need anything.

What steps will you take to ensure the necessary support and resources that will be needed?

I will take advantage of any educational opportunities offered by my employer to further advance in my career. I will look into volunteering hours with the professional development department, where I will be able to practice, gain confidence, and enhance my public speaking skills while also learning teaching methods firsthand from them. I plan to broaden my network of educators so that they can be a resource as needed.

What barriers do you anticipate along the journey, and how might you address those challenges?

I anticipate that I will have to work harder on my confidence because I am pretty shy. As a result, as previously said, I plan to contribute my time to professional development in order to feel more confident when I start working as an educator. I also expect that as a new educator, it will take some time to locate a job where they will trust a new educator with no experience, but I