

NR 602 Week 1 Introductions

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Dr. Plusnick and class,

My name is Cathy. I live and work in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. I have lived here for 23 years, but I grew up in Colorado. I can't wait to move back west. I have three adult children a son aged 30, a daughter aged 22, and a son aged 20. I also have two 3-year-old dogs, they're brothers, who keep us entertained. My oldest son lives on the north side of the city. My daughter was just attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is home for the summer. And my youngest son is at home attending community college. As a single parent it is a challenge with three people in college at the same time, but we are all working together to make it happen.

I have worked in the adult critical care setting for the last 14 years. It is a mixed unit, which I love, with a wide assortment of diagnoses to work with. I love the critical care setting, but it is physically brutal, and as I get older, I would rather not be crippled from my job. None of my extended family live in this state, and I have been stuck in this area due to a divorce for 23 years. But I have many wonderful and supportive friends and co-workers that support me mentally, spiritually, and emotionally; and I would not be on this journey without them.

I would like to say I have hobbies. But with work and school, I have been limited for time during the last 4-5 years. I love to travel nationally and internationally. I love to read, fish, hike, garden, and spend time with family and dogs. Additionally, I enjoy drawing and painting, as well as crocheting. I am a part-time prepper, and work on developing survival skills, as well as increasing my knowledge to live a self-sustaining life-style when I return to Colorado in the future. It is a hobby. You have to do something with all the *Walking Dead* knowledge.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the threads.

Cathy