Me, Myself, and I
Curriculum Module

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Introduction
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Directions for Use

Me, Myself, and I is a curriculum module that has been prepared for two groups of people. First, the instructors, for whom we wish to provide a curriculum that can be used to complement their teaching skills and help them to educate nurse aides to remain knowledgeable, efficient, and caring. Second, the nurse aides, for whom we wish to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to remain competent and current in their provision of care.

Curriculum Pages

Each objective has been featured on a single page divided into two areas - Content Area and Instructor Notes.

- The “Content” area included in each part of the curriculum module outlines the lecture information to be covered in order to meet the objective. Handouts, discussions, and overheads complimenting each part of the curriculum module are also included.

- The “Notes” area for each part of the curriculum module includes a blank area specially designed for instructor notes. Instructors may choose to write notes beforehand, during class, or afterwards. The notes may serve as reminders for the instructor or may include additional content or examples.

Overhead Transparencies

Each of the three parts of the curriculum module contains a set of overhead transparencies. Each transparency corresponds with a specific objective or objectives and includes information gleaned from curriculum pages. Each transparency is numbered and corresponds with the curriculum content. Even though use of overhead transparencies by the instructor is optional, their use may be an effective teaching tool for nurse aides who are visual learners.
Handouts

A set of handouts for each part of the curriculum module is included. Each handout is numbered and corresponds with specific content. Handouts include information gleaned from each of the three parts of the curriculum module. The master copy of each handout should be duplicated and distributed to each nurse aide at the appropriate time during the lecture sequence.

Group Discussions

Group discussions are incorporated throughout the curriculum module.
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Syllabus

Description:

Me, Myself, and I is a curriculum module designed for the health and well-being of the health care provider, employed in a variety of health care settings.

The health care provider will compare his/her current body image to the physical characteristics of a competent and caring practitioner. He/she will also learn what comprises a positive health care work ethic. Will he/she fit the profile?

Burnout is common among health care providers who face incredible workloads and must deal with the emotional strain of illness and dying.

Burnout is defined as mental and physical exhaustion caused by excessive work-related stress and characterized by a negative self-concept, negative attitude on the job, and loss of concern for residents/patients. It is critical for the health care provider to understand how burnout occurs and methods to prevent it from happening to him/her.

Objectives:

1. Identify personal needs, values, and goals as a means of getting to know thyself.
2. Relate self-concept and self-esteem to who you really are as a person.
3. Evaluate the level of control you have over your life.
4. Describe the appearance of a competent, caring health care provider and compare this picture with your current body image.
5. Describe the characteristics of a positive work ethic.
6. Distinguish between stress, stressor, and stress reactivity.
7. List psychological, physiological, and behavioral/emotional adaptive responses to stress that may lead to diseases or disorders.
8. Describe how role stress and role strain contribute to burnout among health care providers.
9. Discuss stress management techniques that health care providers can use to prevent burnout.
Teaching Methods:

- Lecture;
- Overhead Transparencies (Optional); and
- Class Discussion

Method of Evaluation:

In order to meet requirements for the curriculum module, the health care provider must:

- Attend the entire class;
- Participate in class discussions;
- Pass the “closed book” written test at 80%.
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Vocabulary

**Biological stressor** negative event related to the body.

**Body image** your mental picture of what you think of yourself physically.

**Burnout** mental and physical exhaustion caused by excessive work-related stress and characterized by a negative self-concept, negative attitude on the job, and loss of concern for residents/patients.

**Conflict** state of tension brought about by competing motives.

**Coping mechanism** psychological adaptive responses.

**Daily hassles** a type of stressor that is negative and affects us regularly.

**Denial** rejecting information.

**Displacement** taking anger out on something or someone else who is less likely to seek revenge.

**Frustration** a type of stressor that occurs when our efforts to achieve our goals are hampered.

**Goal** satisfaction of a need becomes a goal.

**Ideal-self** our concept of what we ought to be.

**Identification** the act of looking like or acting like someone else.

**Life changes** a type of stressor that occurs now and then and may be positive or negative.

**Need** a state of want, or a condition arising from a shortage of something.
**Psychosomatic illness/disorder** an illness or disorder that is caused by or aggravated by stress.

**Rationalization** relieving personal liability by saying someone or something else is the blame.

**Reaction formation** acting just the opposite of how you really feel

**Regression** behaving as someone would behave if he/she were much younger.

**Role strain** reaction to role stress.

**Role stress** when on-the-job role duties and tasks are unrealistic and too much is expected to be done in the time available, or the job is too hard to do, or the person is over/underqualified for the job.

**Self-concept** how you really see yourself.

**Self-esteem** how you value yourself.

**Stress** a reaction of the body and mind to the mental and emotional strain placed upon them.

**Stress reactivity** the body's reaction to stress that involves chemicals, hormones, and nerve impulses. May also be called the General Adaptation Syndrome (GAS) or the fight-or-flight response.

**Stressor** a source of stress.

**Values** a person's ideas about what is important in life.

**Work ethic** a set of standards and principles of right behavior in the work setting.
Handouts

Duplicate the following as handouts:

• Syllabus
• Vocabulary
Overhead Transparencies
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Overhead - Objectives
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Method of Evaluation

Pass the test
Attend class
Participate
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Part One
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<td>Greek philosopher Socrates once said, &quot;Know thyself.&quot;</td>
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<td>Residents/patients admitted to a health care facility typically have unmet needs.</td>
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<td>For example, basic physiological and safety needs are usually first priority. A person who is having difficulty breathing (or getting air) will not worry about missing a senior citizen’s meeting. A person who has to go to the bathroom may not worry about whether or not he/she can get there safely. Persons who need to be fed or need a drink of water should be taken care of before a bed linen is changed.</td>
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<td>Ask the participants to decide where they are located on Maslow’s Hierarchy (Are they in school? Are they active in social activities? Are they just making ends meet? Have they achieved great things in life or at work? Are they where they want to be or do they hope to make it to the top?)</td>
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*Class Discussion: Ask participants to discuss what’s important to them? Are there any common values shared by the group? Does age seem to matter?*

**Examples of value items:**

- Money;
- Health;
- Family;
- Honesty;
- Trust;
- Independence;
- Faith

**Examples:**

- A person may value independence at age 18, but values stability and family at age 40;
- A person may value an air conditioner more on a hot day in the summer, than a cold day in the winter
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<td>Example, if you need a friend – your goal may be to join a group. If your need is to achieve – your goal may be to make lots of money or make high grades in school.</td>
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<td>Think about what your needs are, set goals that are practical, and then GO FOR IT. Challenge yourself.</td>
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**Self-concept**

Self-concept – how you really see yourself and includes:

- Your strengths & weaknesses;
- Your perception of your physical, psychological, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual parts; and
- Your evaluation of what others think of you

A person with an accurate concept of him/herself fully understands who he/she truly is.

**Self-esteem**

Self-esteem – how you value yourself.

High self-esteem means you consider yourself worthy, yet know your limitations.

A person with high self-esteem expects to grow and “better” themselves. Having a high self-esteem can make you feel competent and accepted.

Low self-esteem is often linked to dullness, anxiety, poor physical health, alcohol/drug dependence, and lack of accomplishment.
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<td><em>Ask the group how close they are to their ideal selves?</em></td>
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Objective 3. Evaluate the level of control you have over your life.

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Overhead - Show Overhead #9

Locus of control - the degree to which a person believes that he/she is in control of life events.

- Internal locus of control - the belief that a person is in control of life’s rewards and punishments. The person believes that what he/she gets from life is a product of what he/she does and is in charge of his/her life.

- External locus of control - the belief that life’s rewards and punishments are beyond one’s control and are merely chance happenings or due to luck.

People with an internal locus of control believe that they hold the keys to success and are more apt to make positive changes in their lives. These people are more likely to give themselves credit for those successes.

People with an external locus of control are more apt to attribute their successes to fate and luck. They are more likely to sit back and wait their lives to unfold before them.

Example, people who believe they can control their healthy states to some degree are more likely to take preventative measures to prevent illness, such as eating nutritional foods and exercising. People who believe that health is beyond their control are more likely to view health as a given and are at the mercy of genetics and the medical team.
Handouts
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Handout #1

Need - a state of want, or a condition arising from a shortage of something.

What are some things that you need?

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Where are you located on Maslow’s Hierarchy?

Values - a person’s ideas about what is important in life.

Values:

• Our personal standard for what is good and bad;
• They guide our choices;
• Importance of certain values may change along time;
• May increase or decrease in intensity of how the thing is valued;
• Are shaped by our experiences and important people who have touched our lives;
• People may disagree about each other’s values
What is important to you?

Examples of value items:

- Money;
- Health;
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Goals - because most of us desire to move higher up Maslow's Hierarchy, we each have needs. We are motivated or encouraged to satisfy our needs. The satisfaction of a need becomes a goal.

Self-concept - how you really see yourself and includes: your strengths & weaknesses; your perception of your physical, psychological, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual parts; and your evaluation of what others think of you.

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Do you have an internal or external locus of control?
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What types of:

• foods do I like to eat?

• music do I enjoy?

• movies do I enjoy?
“Know thyself.”

- Greek philosopher Socrates
Need

A state of want, or a condition arising from a shortage of something.

The needs that a person has explains:

• why we do the things we do,
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Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

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- Love & Belonging
- Esteem
- Self-Actualization
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Where are you located?
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What is important to you?
Goals

The satisfaction of a need.

- Because most of us desire to move higher up Maslow’s Hierarchy, we each have needs.
- We are motivated or encouraged to satisfy our needs.
- The satisfaction of a need becomes a goal.

Think about what your needs are, set goals that are practical, and then GO FOR IT.

Challenge yourself.
Definitions

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Do you have an internal or external locus of control?
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Part Two
**Objective 4:** Describe the appearance of a competent, caring health care provider and compare this picture with your current body image.

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<td>A person's body image may not be consistent with his/her actual body structure or appearance.</td>
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| A person's body image involves:  
  - The notion of masculinity and femininity;  
  - Physical ability;  
  - Endurance; and  
  - Capabilities | |
| Body image:  
  - Develops gradually over several years;  
  - May change in a matter of hours or days;  
  - Dependent upon external forces on the body (sun, chemicals, etc), and changes in structure and function;  
  - Dependent on how others see us. | |
| How important is a person’s physical appearance? It takes 15 seconds to make a first impression. First impressions are very important – whether it be meeting a resident/patient for the first time or showing up for a job interview. Looking good and feeling good about one’s self increases self-confidence, and this in turn, increases the likelihood that the resident/patient will have confidence in you as a health care provider. | |
Objective 4: Describe the appearance of a competent, caring health care provider and compare this picture with your current body image.

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<td>• Neatly dressed;</td>
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<td>• Shoes clean;</td>
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<td>• Personal hygiene (clean, free of offensive odors);</td>
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<td>• Nails neatly trimmed and cleaned;</td>
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<td>• Long hair is pulled back away from the face;</td>
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<td>• No heavy make-up;</td>
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<td>• Minimal body piercings (other than the traditional one earring per ear);</td>
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<td>• Minimal jewelry;</td>
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<td>• No smacking of gum;</td>
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<td>• No cigarette smoking in resident/patient care areas; and a</td>
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<td>• Warm and friendly smile.</td>
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*Pose the following question to the participants: How close does your self image match the physical image of a competent, caring health care provider?*
Objective 5: Describe the characteristics of a positive work ethic.

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<td>Work ethic – a set of standards and principles of right behavior in the work setting.</td>
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<td><strong>A good rule of thumb regarding a positive work ethic:</strong></td>
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<td><em>Draw a solid ethical line and never cross it!</em></td>
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<td>Examples of behavior consistent with a positive work ethic:</td>
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<td>• Perform an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay;</td>
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<td>• Show up for work and show up for work on time;</td>
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<td>• Use your sick time for just that – sick time;</td>
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<td>• Maintain your integrity – always be honest with yourself and others;</td>
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<td>• Don’t use profanity or tell off-color jokes;</td>
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<td>• Don’t lie, cheat, or steal (not even a note pad or ink pen);</td>
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Me, Myself and I
Part Two
Handout #1

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How important is a person’s physical appearance?

What does a competent, caring health care provider looks like?

Work ethic - a set of standards and principles of right behavior in the work setting.

A good rule of thumb regarding a positive work ethic:

Draw a solid ethical line and never cross it!

Examples of behavior consistent with a positive work ethic:

• Perform an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay;
• Show up for work and show up for work on time;
• Use your sick time for just that – sick time;
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- Conforms to the facility's dress code is the minimum;
- Neatly dressed;
- Shoes clean;
- Personal hygiene;
- Nails neatly trimmed and cleaned;
- Long hair pulled back away from the face;
- No heavy make-up;
- Minimal body piercings;
- Minimal jewelry;
- No smacking of gum;
- No perfume;
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Me, Myself, and I
Curriculum Module

Part Three
Objective 6. Distinguish between stress, stressor, and stress reactivity.

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<td>Types of stressors:</td>
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<td>• Daily hassles - stressors that are negative and affect us regularly,</td>
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<td>such as long lines at grocery stores, difficulty in getting a doctor's</td>
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<td>• Conflict - state of tension brought about by competing motives, such as deciding on whether to go to graduate school or get a job, deciding on whether to quit a job.</td>
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<td>• Resistance - the body attempts to calm itself and return to its normal state after the immediate threat, or stressor, has disappeared.</td>
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Exposure to a stressor results in physiological, psychological and behavioral adaptive responses.

**Psychological adaptive responses (coping mechanisms)**

As people are exposed to stressors, their ability to meet their basic needs are threatened. This threat causes anxiety, frustration, and tension. May be constructive or destructive.

- **Task-oriented behaviors are constructive (help the person cope with a stressor)**
  - Attack behavior is acting to remove or defeat the stressor;
  - Withdrawal behavior is removing the self physically or emotionally from the stressor;
  - Compromise behavior is deciding to make a deal with or to make concessions with the stressor.

- **Ego-defense mechanisms are often destructive and are the body’s unconscious attempts to protect the body against a stressor.**
  - Repression - forgetting about the stressor, such as not remembering being sexually abused as a child
  - Suppression - purposely avoiding thinking about the stressor, such as saying he/she will “sleep on a problem”
  - Denial - rejecting information, such as denying that one is dying
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<td>- Displacement – taking anger out on something or someone else who is less likely to seek revenge, such as kicking the trashcan after being fussed at by the boss</td>
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<td>- Regression – behaving as someone would behave if he/she were much younger, such as an adult sucking his/her thumb when anxious</td>
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<td>- Reaction formation – acting just the opposite of how you really feel, such as being extremely nice to someone you truly dislike</td>
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<td>- Identification – the act of looking like or acting like someone else, such as an unpopular teenager dressing like the popular kids in class</td>
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**Overhead – Show Overhead #5**

**Physiological adaptive responses**

- Elevated blood pressure, pulse, respiration;
- Increased muscle tension in neck, back, shoulders;
- Sweaty palms;
- Cold hands and feet;
- Slumped posture;
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<td>• Change in appetite;</td>
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**Behavioral/emotional adaptive responses:**

• Anxiety;
• Depression;
• Burnout;
• Increased use of chemical substances (drugs, alcohol);
• Change in eating habits, sleep, and activity patterns;
• Mental exhaustion;
• Insecurity;
• Loss of self-esteem;
• Increased irritability;
• Loss of motivation;
• Emotional outbursts and crying;
• Decreased productivity and quality of job performance;
• Tendency to make mistakes;
• Forgetfulness;
• Decreased attention to detail;
• Daydreaming, unable to concentrate on tasks;
• Sluggishness;
• Loss of energy, loss of interest;
• Accident-prone
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<td><strong>Role stress</strong></td>
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<td>Role overload occurs when multiple demands are being made and the person has difficulty deciding which tasks should be done first. The expectations often become overwhelming because the person does not have the physical means or knowledge base to adapt to the situation.</td>
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<td>- In order to prioritize, make a list of things that need to be done. Label them: (A) must be done right now, (B) can wait till later (C) does not need to be done.</td>
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<td>• Remember Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs when you must decide which tasks to do first.</td>
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<td>• Think about the task you are about to do, gather supplies beforehand, and avoid having to keep going back to get supplies that you forgot.</td>
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<td><strong>Do Things That You Enjoy and Take Time for Yourself</strong></td>
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- **Class Discussion:** Divide class into groups of 3-5. Ask that one member of each group be the team leader, responsible for reporting back to the class. Ask that one member be the recorder. Ask that each group discuss the following questions and report findings to the entire class. Allow 15 minutes for individual group discussion. Let groups know when they have 2 minutes left. At the end of the exercise, bring the groups together for sharing. Be prepared to lead discussion.

**Questions for Discussion**

1. Identify things about your job or life that are stressful.

2. How will you manage those stressors based on what you have learned in this course?

**Instructor Notes:** After discussion, distribute end of course test. Let students know they have 30 minutes to complete the test.
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Exposure to a stressor results in physiological, psychological and behavioral adaptive responses.
Psychological adaptive responses (coping mechanisms)

- Task-oriented behaviors are constructive (help the person cope with a stressor)
- Attack behavior is acting to remove or defeat the stressor
- Withdrawal behavior is removing the self physically or emotionally from the stressor
- Compromise behavior is deciding to make a deal with or to make concessions with the stressor
- Ego-defense mechanisms are often destructive and are the body’s unconscious attempts to protect the body against a stressor.
  - Repression – forgetting about the stressor, such as not remembering being sexually abused as a child
  - Suppression – purposely avoiding thinking about the stressor, such as saying he/she will “sleep on a problem”
  - Denial – rejecting information, such as denying that one is dying
  - Rationalization – relieving personal liability by saying someone or something else is the blame, such as blaming the failing of a test because it was too hard
  - Displacement – taking anger out on something or someone else who is less likely to seek revenge, such as kicking the trashcan after being fussed at by the boss
  - Regression – behaving as someone would behave if he/she were much younger, such as an adult sucking his/her thumb when anxious
  - Reaction/formation – acting just the opposite of how you really feel, such as being extremely nice to someone you truly dislike
• Identification - the act of looking like or acting like someone else, such as an unpopular teenager dressing like the popular kids in class

Physiological adaptive responses

• Elevated blood pressure, pulse, respiration;
• Increased muscle tension in neck, back, shoulders;
• Sweaty palms;
• Cold hands and feet;
• Slumped posture;
• Tension headache;
• Upset stomach;
• Higher-pitched voice;
• Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea;
• Change in appetite;
• Dilated pupils

Behavioral/emotional adaptive responses:

• Anxiety;
• Depression;
• Burnout;
• Increased use of chemical substances (drugs, alcohol);
• Change in eating habits, sleep, and activity patterns;
• Mental exhaustion;
• Insecurity;
• Loss of self-esteem;
• Increased irritability;
• Loss of motivation;
• Emotional outbursts and crying;
• Decreased productivity and quality of job performance;
• Tendency to make mistakes;
• Forgetfulness;
• Decreased attention to detail;
• Daydreaming, unable to concentrate on tasks;
• Sluggishness;
• Loss of energy, loss of interest;
• Accident-prone
Psychosomatic illness or disorder - an illness or disorder that is caused by or aggravated by stress.

- Allergic disorders;
- Failure to ovulate, infertility;
- Bronchial asthma;
- Cancer;
- Irregular heartbeats;
- Eczema, psoriasis;
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- Multiple sclerosis;
- Rheumatoid arthritis;
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Me, Myself and I  
Part Three  
Handout #2

Role stress – when on-the-job role duties and tasks are unrealistic and too much is expected to be done in the time available, or the job is too hard to do, or the person is over/underqualified for the job.

Role-strain - reaction to role stress.

Role-strain includes the following:

- Psychological responses (anxiety, tension, irritation, resentment, depression);
- Physiological responses (increased heart rate, respiration, blood pressure; sweating; increased muscle tension)
- Social responses (withdrawal from interaction, job dissatisfaction, reduced involvement with colleagues at work)

IF ROLE STRAIN AND ROLE STRESS CONTINUE, BURNOUT OCCURS.

Burnout – mental and physical exhaustion caused by excessive work-related stress and characterized by a negative self-concept, negative attitude on the job, and loss of concern for residents/patients.

LOSS OF CONCERN FOR RESIDENTS/PATIENTS MAY THEN LEAD TO RESIDENT/PATIENT ABUSE.

Signs of Burnout:

- Loss of energy, physical and mental exhaustion;
- Increased irritability and temper;
- Stress-related problems, such as headaches, backaches, etc;
- Difficulty concentrating at work;
- Feeling detached from work;
- No longer motivated and concerned;
- Lack of satisfaction or sense of accomplishment;
- Feeling that he/she has nothing else left to give.
Stress Management Techniques to Prevent Burnout

Learn to Recognize Stressors in the Workplace

Determine the things about your job that are stressful and list each stressor frequently encountered;

Attempt to understand why the stressor occurs;

Develop a plan to effectively deal with each stressor beforehand; and

Incorporate the plan into your workday.

Learn How to Manage Your Time and Set Priorities

Think about how you spend your time each day at work.

Prioritize your activities that you do each day at work.

- Not all of your activities are equally important.

- In order to prioritize, make a list of things that need to be done. Label them: (A) must be done right now, (B) can wait till later (C) does not need to be done.

Once you get your work assignment, take time to think about your day, and organize your time. Make a list of your activities, prioritize them, and mark them off as they are done.

Remember Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs when you must decide which tasks to do first.

Think about the task you are about to do, gather supplies beforehand, and avoid having to keep going back to get supplies that you forgot.

Do not hesitate to seek help when needed and when you are short of time.

Help others when you have time.
**Build Supportive Relationships and Share Feelings**

Do not keep angry, frustrated, or sad feelings “bottled up inside.” It is better to express these feelings than hold them inside.

Share feelings with people you trust.

Learn to laugh with your friends.

**Do Things That You Enjoy and Take Time for Yourself**

Plan time for yourself when you are away from work.

Do something you enjoy at least once a day.

**Take Note of Your Health**

Be aware of physical, psychological and behavioral/ emotional symptoms of stress.

Realize that you are stressed.

Incorporate stress management techniques.

Seek medical help when necessary.

**Other Things You Can Do**

Exercise regularly

Eat nutritional meals

Rest and learn how to relax

Sign up for stress management classes
Overheads
Stress

Reaction of the body and mind to the mental and emotional strain placed upon them.

Stressor - source of stress.

• Negative (distress)

• Positive (eustress)
Types of Stressors

• Daily hassles
• Life changes
• Frustration
• Conflict
• Biological
Stress Reactivity

The body’s reaction to stress that involves chemicals, hormones, and nerve impulses.

*May also be called the General Adaptation Syndrome (GAS) or the fight-or-flight response*

3 stages of stress reactivity:

• Alarm reaction
• Resistance
• Exhaustion
Psychological Adaptive Responses

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Definitions

Role Stress?
Role Strain?
Burnout?

Burnout is common among health care providers who face incredible workloads and must deal with the emotional strain of illness and dying.

What Can Health Care Providers Do to Prevent Burnout?
Final Test
Name ____________________________________

Me, Myself, and I Test

Answer the following questions. You may not use your notes or handouts. You have 30 minutes to complete the test.

Part 1. Match the type of stressor with the correct example.

_____ 1. Daily hassle  a. developing an infection
_____ 2. Life change  b. getting married.
_____ 3. Biological  c. deciding on whether to go to school or go to work
_____ 4. Conflict  d. getting in a long line at the grocery store.

Part 2. Read the following statements. If the statement is true, write true on the blank. If the statement is false, write false on the blank.

_____ 1. Needing food and water are basic needs.
_____ 2. Loving your husband is a safety and security need.
_____ 3. Maslow’s Hierarchy has 10 levels.
_____ 4. Stress is a person’s idea about what is important in life.
_____ 5. A person with an external locus of control believes in luck.
_____ 6. Body image is your mental picture of what you think of yourself physically.
_____ 7. A person with dirty shoes, a lot of jewelry, and a body odor demonstrates appropriate dress for work in a health care facility.
_____ 8. A work ethic is a set of standards and principles of right behavior in the work place.
_____ 9. A person should perform an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay.
10. Stress is only negative.

Part 3. Read each of the following questions and circle the correct answer.

1. A source of stress:
   
   a. Work ethic  
   b. Stressor  
   c. Self-image  
   d. Value

2. These stressors occur now and then and may be positive or negative:
   
   a. Life changes  
   b. Daily hassles  
   c. Conflict  
   d. Biological

3. If I deny information, I am using _____ as a defense mechanism.
   
   a. Denial  
   b. Suppression  
   c. Repression  
   d. Identification

4. Which of the following is a symptom of someone experiencing stress?
   
   a. Slowed heart rate  
   b. Low blood pressure  
   c. Dilated pupils  
   d. Relaxed state
5. Which one of the following statements best represents someone with burnout?

a. “I love my job.”

b. “I enjoy the people I work with.”

c. “I have a headache, my back hurts, and I don’t care if I ever go back to work again.”

d. “My boss is a great guy.”

6. Which one of the following activities is not a way to prevent burnout?

a. Regular exercise;

b. Eat a lot of junk foods;

c. Rest and learn how to relax;

d. Pay attention to your health
Me, Myself, and I Test Answer Key

A note about grading the test: The test consists of three parts - matching, true/false, and multiple choice. There are a total of twenty questions with each question worth five points.

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Part 2:

1. True
2. False
3. False
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. True
9. True
10. False

Part 3:

1. (b.)
2. (a.)
3. (a.)
4. (c.)
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6. (b.)
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Curriculum Module Evaluation
# Evaluation Form for Instructor
## Me, Myself & I
### Clinical Proficiency Module

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What are the learning needs of the nurse aides employed at your facility?
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