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**N-201 Nursing Care of Special Populations**  
**MENTAL HEALTH NURSING**  
**Class Preparation #2**

Compare the three clusters of personality disorders & nursing interventions for each cluster:

Clusters	Defining Characteristics	Nursing Interventions
<p>Cluster A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paranoid personality disorder</li> <li>2. Schizoid personality disorder</li> <li>3. Schizotypal personality disorder</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pervasive, persistent, inappropriate mistrust of others</li> <li>2. Defect in ability to form personal relationships</li> <li>3. Resembles schizophrenia</li> </ol>	<p>Attempt to establish trust            Be honest            Simple explanations            Set limits with pts</p>
<p>Cluster B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Antisocial personality disorder</li> <li>2. Borderline personality disorder</li> <li>3. Narcissistic personality disorder</li> <li>4. Histrionic personality disorder</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unable to follow social norms and care for others</li> <li>2. Pattern of intense and chaotic relationships with affective instability</li> <li>3. Sense of entitlement, lack of empathy</li> <li>4. Self-dramatizing</li> </ol>	<p>Positive reinforcement for unselfish or other-center behaviors            Provide support            Assess for suicidal ideations</p>
<p>Cluster C</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Avoidant personality disorder</li> <li>2. Dependent personality disorder</li> <li>3. Obsessive-compulsive personality disorder</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extreme sensitivity to rejection, social withdraw</li> <li>2. Relying on others for emotional support</li> <li>3. Inflexibility about the way things should be done</li> </ol>	<p>Teach assertiveness            Gentle reassurance            Provide structure            Assist in developing effective coping techniques</p>