

The Special Olympics family festival was a great experience and can benefit any individual planning on working in healthcare. It allowed the nursing students to work with a wide variety of population groups while using basic nursing skills. Since the nursing students spent a significant amount of time working as bathroom attendants, they worked with athletes with varying degrees of physical disabilities and intellectual disabilities, many of which they may work with in real-life practice. The student also enjoyed this experience because of the people working at the event. The point of contact was extremely friendly, and all of the other working volunteers seemed to care about the athletes and genuinely want to be there with them. It was evident that those who have worked at Special Olympics for multiple years take pride in this event and work hard to make it the best day possible for the athletes.