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Clinical Reflection: #3

See the grading rubric below:

1. How does this clinical site relate to Population/Global Health?

This clinical site relates to population and global health by serving a population in need. Accolade accommodates up to one-hundred-five people at a time. The served population includes anyone in need of temporary or permanent assistance with daily activities or care. Some examples of serviced populations include those with wound care needs who cannot tend to them at home, those who have had surgery and cannot care for themselves at home, those who need prolonged IV antibiotic therapy which cannot be completed at home, those who have altered mental status, and overall people who cannot care for themselves and who do not have someone to care for them. Many patients who stay at Accolade have mental impairments which make it difficult for them to function independently. This is a population served by Accolade.

2. How were you an engaged nursing professional during this clinical experience?

I was an engaged nursing professional by engaging in discussion about the admission and discharge process with the employee in charge of this process. I was an engaged nursing professional by asking questions about what would disqualify an applicant from admission. Some of these disqualifications include if the applicant is a registered sex offender, has committed or attempted murder, or if the applicant is covered by Medicaid at a point in time when their quota for Medicaid has been reached. Due to Accolade's desire to earn money, they only accept so many Medicaid residents because Medicare reimburses Accolade per service provided whereas Medicaid only covers a flat fee. Another way I was an engaged nursing professional by showing up on time and dressing appropriately with my nametag visible.

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3. How did you or could you contribute to the service of the community through this clinical site?

Through this clinical site I could serve the community by caring for the members of this community who cannot care for themselves which would also help their loved ones in the community maintain their productivity. I could contribute to this by using my knowledge and skills in caring for the residents at Accolade. For example, using my therapeutic communication skills to assess the needs of patients. I could also use my experience from working in a memory care unit to provide the residents with engaging conversation, activities, and memory exercises. I could also contribute to the service of the community by working with the Accolade team by helping with the care of temporary residents. This contributes to the community by working towards a goal for this community member who can then return to being a contributing member of the community.

4. Name 3 ways this clinical site impacts community health?

This clinical site contributes to community health by providing a safe and healthy environment for the members of this community to turn to when in need. Many families of the Danville community have relied on this clinical site to care for their loved ones when they are unable to. From spending time at this clinical site today and my background working in a similar facility, I have seen how the families in the community depend on nursing homes. Many families feel guilty that they cannot care for their loved ones, however when circumstances demand constant care, working families cannot afford to stay home to provide this service. Therefore, Accolade allows many people of the community to continue working and living in the community knowing their loved one is taken care of. This contributes to the success of the community immensely. Without Accolade so many families would be forced to quit working, creating financial and emotional stress, to care for their loved ones which would negatively

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impact the community overall. We recently discussed in class how the caregiver's health declines significantly and even their life expectancy decreases.

5. Name 1 way this clinical site could better serve the community and why?

As previously mentioned, Medicare reimburses Accolade per each service provided to the patient whereas Medicaid only covers a flat fee. My preceptor discussed how this results in Accolade receiving much more money from patients with Medicare versus Medicaid. This has resulted in a capacity on how many patients covered by Medicaid will be accepted as residents. This was disappointing to learn. The community would better be served if Accolade prioritized serving the people most at need instead of the people who will bring the most money into Accolade via insurance. I think this changing would better serve the community. To reach this goal, applying for grants and hosting fundraising events may be helpful to bring the gap in monetary gain seen between different insurances. This may allow Accolade's corporate leaders to be more comfortable with increasing the number of patients covered by Medicaid accepted as residents.

6. What health risks are experienced by the population served by this clinical site?

Health risks experienced by the population of people who cannot care for themselves include risks for infection, pressure wounds, malnutrition, and isolation. Infection is a risk for this population because of their inability to meet proper hygiene needs and care for themselves. To add to this, several patients at this facility have catheters which require proper perineal care and monitoring to prevent infection. The populations of people unable to care for themselves are at risk for pressure wounds when the patient is unable to care for their

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bathroom needs and/or unable to ambulate. Also, some residents are unable to turn themselves to switch the positions they are in which shifts their weight. When a patient is unable to do these tasks, they are at high risk for pressure ulcers. People unable to care for themselves also are at risk for malnutrition or improper nutrition due to lack of ability to purchase groceries, cook for themselves, or even feed themselves. The patient unable to care for themselves are at risk for isolation when for a large part of this population it is also true that they are unable to safely transport themselves to and from their home, forcing isolation.

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**Grading Rubric Self Reflection Clinical Journal Post assignments-
10 Total Points Possible**

CRITERION	POOR	FAIR	GOOD
-Concise and Complete	- Content is incomplete. - Major points are not clear and /or	- Content is not comprehensive and /or persuasive. - Major points are addressed, but not well	- Content is comprehensive, accurate, and persuasive. - Major points are stated clearly and are well

<p>Total Weight- 0.5 points</p>	<p>persuasive</p> <p>Weight-0 point</p>	<p>supported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research is inadequate or does not address course concepts. <p>Weight- 0.5 point</p>	<p>supported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content and purpose of the writing are clear. <p>Weight- 1 point</p>
<p>Critique of experience- Evaluation and Rationale for your comments</p> <p>Total Weight- 1.0 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization and structure detract from the message of the writer. - Paragraphs are disjointed and lack transition of thoughts. -Lack of evaluation and rationale for comments <p>Weight- 0.5 point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of the paragraphs are not easy to follow. - Paragraph transitions need improvement. -Lack of adequate evaluation and rationale for comments <p>Weight- 1 point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure of the paragraphs are clear and easy to follow. -Good evaluation and rationale for comments <p>Weight- 2 points</p>
<p>Thoughtful Reflection- How will this affect your practice or will it?</p> <p>Total Points- 1.0 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper lacks many elements of correct formatting. - Paragraphs are inadequate or excessive in length. -Unspecific as to how this experience will impact your nursing practice or not. <p>Weight- 0.5 point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper follows most guidelines. - Paper is over/ under word length. -Lacks some specifics as to how this experience will impact your nursing practice or not. <p>Weight-1 point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper follows designated guidelines. - Paper is the appropriate length as described for the assignment. -States clearly as to how this experience will impact nursing practice or not and why. <p>Weight-2 points</p>

<p>APA Format Correct spelling/Grammar.</p> <p>If references are used, they are in APA Format</p> <p>Total Weight- 1.0 points</p>	<p>-Lack of APA format.</p> <p>-Paper contains numerous grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors.</p> <p>- Language uses jargon or conversational tone</p> <p>-Lack of APA citation use and Reference page if references used.</p> <p>Weight- 0 point</p>	<p>- Inappropriate APA format.</p> <p>- Paper contains few grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors.</p> <p>- Language lacks clarity or includes the use of some jargon or conversational tone.</p> <p>-Inappropriate APA citation use and Reference page if references used.</p> <p>Weight- 0.5 point</p>	<p>-Correct APA format.</p> <p>-Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed; spelling is correct.</p> <p>- Language is clear and precise; sentences display consistently strong, varied structure</p> <p>-Correct APA citation and reference page if references used.</p> <p>Weight- 1 point</p>
<p>Analysis of how behavioral, environmental, and genetic factors impact the population served at this site.</p> <p>Total Weight- 2.0 points</p>	<p>-Inaccurate analysis of how behavioral, environmental, and genetic factors impact the population served at this site.</p> <p>Weight- 0.5 point</p>	<p>-Accurate analysis of how behavioral, environmental, and genetic factors impact the population served at this site, but was not thorough.</p> <p>Weight- 1 point</p>	<p>-Accurate and thorough analysis of how behavioral, environmental, and genetic factors impact the population served at this site.</p> <p>Weight- 2.0 points</p>
<p>Journal submitted to Dropbox within 96 hours (4 days) of the clinical experience.</p>	<p>-Paper submitted to Dropbox late.</p>		<p>-Paper submitted to Dropbox on time.</p>

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*NOTE: Must achieve 7.7 points to pass. This is a clinical assignment, so it must be passed in order to pass clinical.