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### Reflection

As a mother, I had a lot of experience helping my children with school projects. One of the many memories I have doing so, the best is helping my eldest prepare her poster board for science class which I had the pleasure of watching her present. Now seeing her finish school and begin a new job as a nurse, I was surprised to find that one of the requirements for her job is the need to work with a few of her peers on a research project about a problem in the hospital and presenting the solutions they found during their research. Having recently conducted a research project of my own through the annotated bibliography assignment and now tasked with trying a new genre to present my findings, it was a little challenging to pick one. Of the suggested list of genres that included a TED talk, interview script, and podcast to name a few, the ones that appealed to me were the listicle, open letter, and infographic/academic poster. After having a talk with my daughter about each genre and doing research about their characteristics, I decided to do an academic poster. I decided to go with a poster because both students of all ages and professionals alike use posters to present their ideas to large groups of people as a way to not overwhelm them. Additionally, given the topic I did my research on and my targeted audience, I believe that a poster is another good way to make my suggestions known without having a complete paper.

Regarding the research I did, using my personal experience as licensed practical nurse (LPN) I sought to find the reason for the current nursing shortage, identify the impact it is having on the safety of both the patients and nurses, and find potential solutions to mitigate the effect of the shortage. Given this, the audience I would like to share my research with is mostly those in the field with the power to implement the needed changes. For example, the board of nursing develops the nurse practice act, a set of rules and regulations of the nurse scope of practice that ensures patient safety. Another target for my research would be the government who can put laws in place to enforce mandatory staffing standards. This would ensure that nurses have the support they need to provide quality care and not be overwhelmed by the number of patients they have per shift. Additionally, targeting the government is important because they fund many facilities such as: hospitals, nursing homes/long term care centers, rehabilitation centers, and hospice care facilities. All of whom have felt the effects of the nursing shortage. It would be great also for other nurses to see my research so they can bring it to the attention of others they work with and go to their unions so they can fight to facilitate changes.

As previously mentioned, I decided to go with creating an academic poster because my daughter has to do a similar research project for her job – find a problem and present solutions to solve it. Typically, academic poster text length varies, being a mix of long or short paragraphs. Posters usually are not very long and can be presented in 15 to 30 minutes. Images are often included, and they are written in third person as they are considered formal pieces of literature and are presented mostly to professionals. Also, an academic poster typically does not include dialogue unless they are responses gathered from subjects during for instance a survey or interview. The purpose is usually to inform and persuade the audience to act on or implement suggested changes. The poster is organized by stating the issue/main topic, providing

background and research method, presenting the research findings, discussing the findings, the conclusions of the research, acknowledgment of those involved, and citations. Posters can be found in various places like schools, libraries, private/government funded organizations, and etc. Usually, an academic poster is created by professionals, students, and anyone who has done research that needed to be presented.

As previously mentioned, I decided to create a poster board to share the results of the research I compiled for the unit two assignment. I got the idea to do so from my daughter, who must do something similar for her job. My target audience are those in the positions of power to implement the changes needed to minimize the negative effects the nursing shortage has on staff and patients. An academic poster is a formal piece of work written in third person to inform and persuade readers. The text should be easy to understand written at most at the fifth-grade level and can include images. Citations must be included as the content is based on others research findings. I enjoyed putting my poster together as it brought back pleasant memories.