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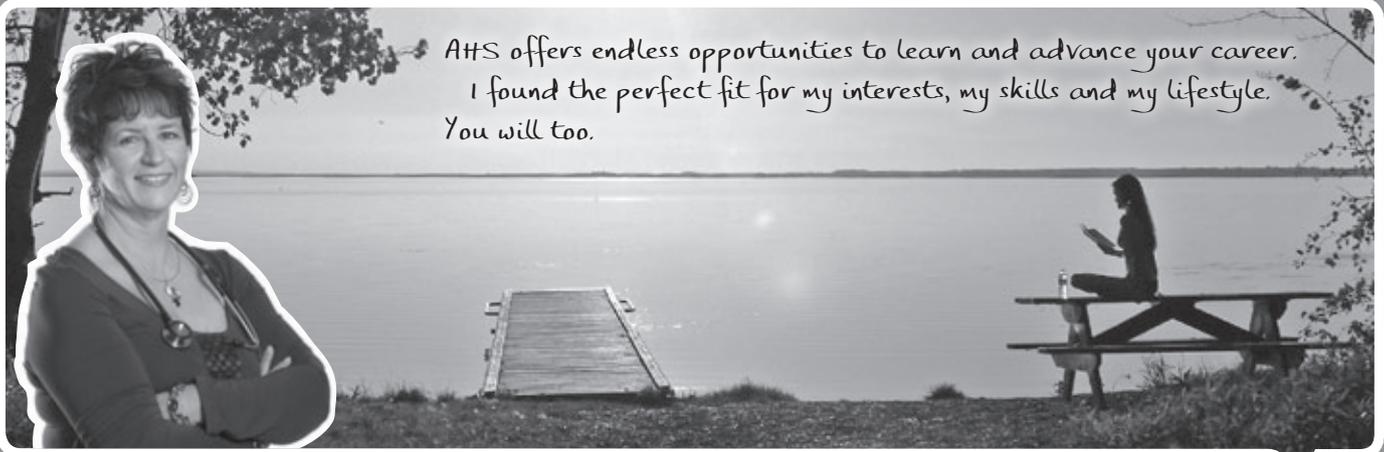
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## What nursing means to me...

WHEN ASKED WHAT I DO, IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO DESCRIBE MY DAY-TO-DAY activities as a public health nurse. Screening immunization records, developing tobacco cessation pamphlets, and leading school-based clinics that promote healthy child development; these examples of my work do not lead to questions or leave people wondering why my work is of value.

What's challenging is describing the broader impact, challenges and rewards of public health nursing. How do I define my efforts to develop programs with community partners, create health promotion campaigns, and plan health promotion services for the public? In prior practice settings, and during clinical placements as a student, I had individual patients as clients. In public health, I have entire communities, schools and workplaces as clients.

Public health nursing is like a puzzle. It takes patience and time to see the bigger picture emerge. And like a puzzle, nursing is the sum of its parts.

To my surprise, a personal encounter with the health-care system recently helped me to more clearly define what nursing means to me. A close family member required emergency surgery and immediate hospitalization. Nurses asked how we were doing as we waited

for care. They made us comfortable, and even found a bed in a full emergency room so my ill relative could lie down. Nurses answered our questions, even if we asked them more than once. It was a series of actions that led to a positive experience, and that experience has left a lasting impression. The experience allowed me to see how a series of events links to a broader vision.

My actions in public health – big or small – contribute to a broader goal. The educational materials that I develop, the health promotion campaigns that I create, the screening and clinics that I lead; all of these define the impact I have on the lives of individuals in the community. If holding the hand of a nervous client will allow them to be immunized against a potentially fatal virus, or if a client attempts to quit smoking after reading a pamphlet I created; this contributes to the health of my community, even though it's not immediately obvious.

Since becoming an RN more than two years ago, I've discovered a new definition of nursing. But like any worthwhile puzzle, you have to put it together piece by piece. I'm still working on my puzzle, and trying to be the best nurse I can be. **RN**

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