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Dear Chris,

Thank you very much for your note of 10th February.

As to your comments on Question 3 of the paper on Issues in Mental Health, the students have covered the topic in seminars and lectures and though there is admittedly not much research evidence to support the view, in practice nursing students have a vast variety of reasons for experiencing role ambiguity. They have covered the sociological term of ambiguity, and it relates to two main phenomena: one is the general nurse working in a psychiatric hospital setting, and the other is the function of the nurse within a psychiatric setting. What I am interested in finding out is to what extent the students can discuss the concept and recognise contradictions.

Wish best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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