SYRINGE VS CHALK

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If you were given a chance to have your magic wand or tool, what would it be? A syringe or a chalk? Is it a syringe that inflicts pain at first which eventually lead to someone’s recovery? Or a chalk that causes terrible headaches to students when the topics are too deep to understand, which at the end of the day will contribute to someone’s future?

Nurses with syringes and teachers with their chalks both spend their days improving the lives of others, but their typical job duties are worlds apart.

Registered nurses’ typical working hours is 8-12hrs a day, on duty during graveyards and holidays, spending their time caring for others while their love ones are also sick at home. They are working with the medical team, a group of physicians, radiologists, medical technologists and radio technicians, collaborating to give the best possible care they can for the patient. They are the front of the team to the patient and their relatives, they are the ones who received anger and impolite words from impatient clients but still it is a fulfilling job.

Teachers, on the other hand, deal with children of different attitudes and culture working with their development in all aspect, cognitive, psychomotor and emotional. They have fix working schedule and they have offs during holidays. Working on weekdays, they are busy completing the materials needed for the execution of their lesson to his students, and it is his task to update their parents with the students’ progress.

When someone is wearing an all-white uniform children were usually afraid because what they knew about a nurse is its syringe which causes them pain, while when
a child saw someone with black slacks and colored top (teacher) they smile and bow for respect. At some point it breaks our hearts when a child cries, whether of fear/ pain nor he is experiencing difficulty with the matter.

Regardless of the differences between these careers, nursing and teaching require a lot of dedication, passion and skills. Both of them requires a lot of effort and time to keep our clients, whether a patient or a student happy, satisfied and comfortable. What important is that we used our lives to aid and teach others of what we know.

It is your decision, whether what you want is a syringe or a chalk that stands out as your wand, you’ll be fulfilled that at the end of the day you touched someone’s heart. If you foresee yourself as a nurse, follow it and you will aid those in pain. If your call is to be a teacher, answer by serving our youth through molding them as a fulfilment of what Dr. Jose Rizal said that they are our hopes.

Reference:
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