

LETTERS

Essence of Nursing — What other readers think.

This note is in reference to a letter written by Edna M. Wallhead of Lakehead University regarding the possibility of having an edition of *Nursing Papers* devoted to discussion, comments, research, etc. on the essence of nursing. I would like to strongly reinforce this suggestion. I think such an edition would be of a quality to satisfy the standards of *Nursing Papers*. There are considerable studies and research being done on "caring" as the "core", the "essence" of nursing. Theory development in relation to "caring" is also being considered.

This is my area of interest and I have just completed a descriptive study in relation to "caring". I have had an article published in *Nursing Papers* and would be delighted to have the opportunity to publish the findings from my study in *Nursing Papers*.

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My colleague Helen Shore and I were pleased to read Professor Wallhead's letter (Fall 1982) suggesting that an issue be devoted to articles on the essence of nursing. We have a deep interest in the topic and are willing to submit a paper. We hope that sufficient interest is shown to enable you to devote an issue to this topic.

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