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Petition to reinstate me into the Spring/Summer 09 courses as previously scheduled.

1. I request to be reinstated into the Accelerated RN-BSN program, from which I was forcibly dismissed; with the opportunity to take all of the exams and quizzes which I missed as a result of this wrongful dismissal. As I understand, some students in my class visited my personal website, and got 'concerned' with some of the satiric blogs I posted. As a result, I ended up being treated like a criminal and dismissed from the course, with the allegation that my blogs have somehow violated something.

The allegations were as follows:

- a) that I have violated my patients' privacy (entirely false, considering that I have revealed absolutely no personal information of the patient, or anything that they can be identified by).
- b) that profanity was used. This can hardly be an argument. If profanity were grounds of dismissal from Nursing School, then Nursing School would go bankrupt.
- c) that I am unfit to be a nurse and cannot be allowed to become one. This is a very drastic statement, and needs thorough examination. I have always treated all of my patients in a respectful and caring manner, regardless of my personal views and biases. I have received numerous praise for my courteousness, helpfulness, and empathy. I have worked hard to help people alleviate their pain, physical and emotional.

I suspect that the real reason behind this abrupt dismissal was the Associate Dean's personal dislike for my religious (or lack thereof) and political views, along with dislike for my choice of language. Punishing me for expressing my views is an outright violation of my constitutional rights. Freedom of speech is my legal right, as long as it does not harm anyone. I have not threatened anyone, in my blogs, my verbal statements, and even in my thoughts. I have not violated the Student Code of Conduct in any way. What I write is a mixture of fiction and satire, aimed to be an emotional relief from the daily stress. This is how I choose to perform self-therapy. My political views are irrelevant to the School of Nursing.

2. There were no policies or codes violated on my behalf that I know of.
3. I am willing to reach an agreement with the School of Nursing, if it is rendered that I need to undergo counseling in order to continue with the course. Furthermore, I am willing to suspend my writings. Nursing is something I am passionate about ever since serving as a medic in the U.S. Army, and I am going to pursue this course. I have complete confidence that I will make an excellent nurse.

Sincerely,

Nina Yoder