

Self Care Toolkit For Nurses

Empowering Nurses to Thrive - Mind, Body and Career



***** How to Use This Toolkit

This isn't a checklist. It's a reset.

You don't have to earn your rest. You just have to receive it.

Here's How:

✓ Start where you are.

Flip to what you need - there's no right order.

Y Go at your own pace.

One page a day or a full weekend reset — your choice.

∠ Make it yours.

Write. Highlight. Reflect. This space is for you.

Come back as needed.

This isn't a one-time tool - it's a lifeline.

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"You can't pour from an empty cup — but you can refill it on purpose."

Dear Murse.

You are more than your shift.
You are more than your scrubs.
You are a whole human being — and you deserve to feel whole, too.

This toolkit was created to nourish your spirit, reconnect you to your purpose, and remind you that healing starts within.

Take what you need. Leave what you don't. Come back as often as you like.

This space is for YOU.

With heart, Frankie Bell, DNP, NC-BC, NPD-BC Founder, Vibrant Mosaic

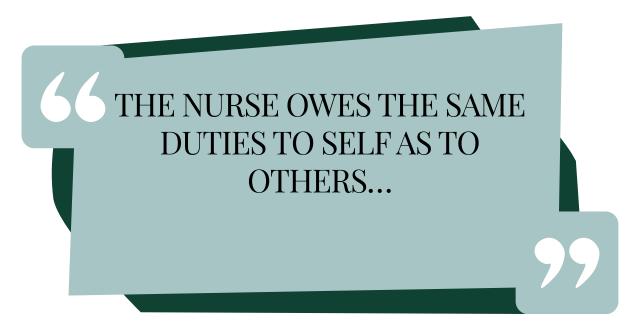


The Importance of Self-Care in Nursing

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IT'S NOT JUST PERSONAL — IT'S PROFESSIONAL.

FROM THE ANA CODE OF ETHICS (PROVISION 5):



This means you have a duty to care for yourself:

- To protect your health.
- To set boundaries.
- To grow.
- To rest.
- To stay whole.



What would change if I took care of myself like I take care of others?

What Self-Care Looks Like 03 in Practice:

TAKING BREAKS — WITHOUT GUILT

SAYING "NO" — WITHOUT APOLOGY

RECONNECTING WITH YOUR PURPOSE

CARING FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

CHOOSING REST BEFORE BURNOUT

WHEN YOU CARE FOR YOURSELF, YOU MODEL HEALING. WHEN YOU THRIVE, NURSING THRIVES.

Self-Care CHECKLIST

Self-care isn't an act but a loving commitment to oneself. How are you going to cherish yourself this week?

Physical Self-Care	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Cook a healthy, nourishing meal							
Drink a glass of water in the morning							
Exercise or move your body							
Do skincare routine							
Take a long bath or shower							

Mind & Soul Self-Care	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Attend a workshop or class							
Read for 30 minutes							
Listen to a podcast episode							
Learn something new							
Plan out your week in advance							

Emotional Self-Care	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Practice daily gratitude							
Spend time with a loved one							
Foster a positive mindset							
Spend time outdoors and in nature							A
Journal your thoughts							



Daily Self Care Check In

HOW AM I FEELING TODAY (EMOTIONALLY + PHYSICALLY)?

☐ WHAT IS ONE THING MY BODY NEEDS RIGHT NOW?

WHAT IS ONE THING MY MIND NEEDS RIGHT NOW?

ONE SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS I WILL GIVE MYSELF TODAY:

Burnout SOS Checklist

Signs I May Need Immediate Self-Care: (Check the ones you are feeling)

Constant exhaustion despite sleep.
Feeling disconnected or numb.
Emotional outbursts (crying, anger, shutting down)
Dreading every shift or even days off.
Question why I'm still doing this?
QUICK BURNOUT RESET ACTION PLAN:
∠ One boundary I need to set immediately:

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AT ROCK BOTTOM TO REST.

SMART Goals Mapping

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Concrete goals are your wellness milestones. Let's set goals that are SMART:

Example: Your Goal: Take a 10-minute walk 3x/week

SMART Breakdown >> S: Walk 10 mins, M: 3x, A: Yes, R: Supports stress relief T: Weekly

S	Specific: Clear and concise.
M	Measurable: Quantifiable to track progress.
A	Achievable: Attainable to remain motivating.
R	Relevant: Aligned with your larger wellness vision.
T	Time-bound: Encased within a timeframe.

The Eisenhower Box

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You triage everything at work — now it's time to triage your life.

Use the Eisenhower Box to sort what you'll:







	Urgent	Not Urgent
	Do	Schedule
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Not Important	Delegate	Release

What's one thing I can delegate or release today?

30 Days of Self-Care 109

MONTH: /

01	02	03	04	05
Take a Relaxing Bath	Read a Book	Practice Deep Breathing	Try Meditation	Journaling
06	07	08	09	10
Listen to Calming Music	Yoga or Stretching	Disconnect from Technology	Spend Time with Loved Ones	Cook a Healthy Meal
11	12	13	14	15
Go for a Walk	Practice Positive Affirmations	Artistic Expression	Good Night's Sleep	Away from Work
16	17	18	19	20
Pamper Yourself	Watch a Good Movie	Learn Something New	Declutter Your Space	Mindful Eating
21	22	23	24	25
Practice Gratitude	Help Others	Dance it Out	Plan a Day of Rest	Explore Nature
26	27	28	29	30
Connect with a Friend	Digital Detox	Laugh Out Loud	Mental Health Check-In	Set Boundaries

Daily Routine



SCHEDULE TIME

TODAY'S MEAL

NOTES



Weekly Goals

	/ /
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	

Eating Well is Self-Care

Eating well isn't about eating perfect — it's about fueling your body with care. Especially in nursing, when meals are skipped or rushed, your body deserves extra love.

Try:

- Hydrate first
- Keep quick snacks on hand (nuts, fruit, bars)
- Add one colorful food daily
- Eat before you're starving
- Embrace smart shortcuts (pre-chopped veggies count!)

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Meal Planner

DAY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
MONDAY			
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY			







Not punishment. Not perfection. Just peace.

Even 5 minutes of movement can reduce stress, boost your mood, and help you come back to yourself.

It doesn't have to be intense - it just has to feel good.

?

Try:
A walk on your break

Chair stretches while charting

Dancing in your kitchen

Deep breathing with slow movement

Gentle yoga before bed

Workout Tracker

7	EXERCISE	TIME/REPS
WON		
	EXERCISE	TIME/REPS
TUE		
	EXERCISE	TIME/REPS
WED		
	EXERCISE	TIME/REPS
THO		
	EXERCISE	TIME/REPS
FRI		
	EXERCISE	TIME/REPS
SAT		
	EXERCISE	TIME/REPS
SUN		



Free Resources for



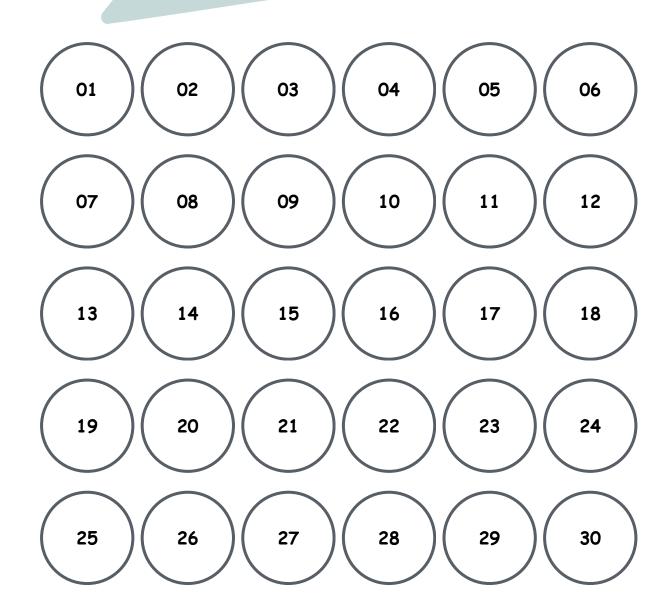
Support, tools, and nourishment — no login or payment needed.

- Movement & Exercise
 - <u>Yoga With Adriene (gentle, beginner-friendly)</u>
 - HASfit (home-friendly strength, stretch & recovery)
 - <u>Darebee (printable, no-equipment workouts)</u>
- Nutrition & Nourishment
 - MyPlate (USDA basic nutrition tools)
 - Budget Bytes (affordable, healthy recipes)
 - <u>Toby Amidor, RD (realistic nutrition tips)</u>
- Mental Wellness & Reflection
 - <u>Insight Timer (free meditation + sleep support)</u>
 - Therapy for Black Girls (directory + podcast)
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)



MOOD TRACKER

MONTH:











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Ready for More?

You've taken the first step — now let's walk the next part together.

If this toolkit spoke to your spirit, imagine what a personalized coaching session could do. Let's clarify your goals, restore your energy, and reignite your purpose — together.

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