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Part 1 Packing Your Bags for the Journey of Caring, Assertive, Responsible Communication

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3	SOLVING PROBLEMS TOGETHER	Collaborate and validate with your clients at each phase of the nursing process	
4	UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER: COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE	Understand others and recognize the need to incorporate differences in culture, gender, and age in nursing interventions	

Part 2 Honoring Your Fellow Travelers along the Journey

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5 D	EMONSTRATING WARMTH	Demonstrate to your clients in concrete ways that you are concerned about and interested in them	
6 SH	HOWING RESPECT	Show your clients you consider them to be worthwhile and important	
7 BE	EING GENUINE	Say what you think and feel so that your clients receive honest communication from you	
8 BE	EING EMPATHETIC	Convince your clients and colleagues that you understand their feelings	
9 US	SING SELF-DISCLOSURE	Relate your own feelings and experiences in a helpful way	
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11 AS	SKING QUESTIONS	Streamline your interviewing techniques so that your clients understand what information you are seeking and why you are seeking it	
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Part 3 Developing Road-Worthy Practices* along the Journey

CHAPTER	WILL HELP YOU
15 REQUESTING SUPPORT	Seek the support you need from your colleagues to deliver excellent care to clients
16 OVERCOMING EVALUATION ANXIETY	Use a rational approach to feel more confident in nursing situations that make your feel anxious
17 WORKING WITH FEEDBACK	Be open to feedback from clients and colleagues about your performance as a helper, and provide feedback to others in an assertive way
18 USING RELAXATION TECHNIQUES	Learn techniques for relieving tension and promoting the relaxation response so that you can remain calm in stressful interpersonal encounters
19 INCORPORATING IMAGERY IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND SELF CARE	Rehearse privately so that you can communicate effectively in real situations
20 INCORPORATING POSITIVE SELF-TALK	Keep your internal dialogue supportive so that you can communicate with confidence
21 LEARNING TO WORK TOGETHER IN GROUPS	Understand the dynamics of communication in groups
22 NAVIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA: THE EXPANDING WORLD OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION	
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Part 4 Embracing the Transformative Process of the Journey

CHAPTER		WILL HELP YOU	
	LEARNING CONFRONTATION SKILLS	Invite your clients and colleagues to examine how their behavior is affecting others	
24	REFUSING UNREASONABLE REQUESTS	Say no assertively to unreasonable requests from clients and colleagues	
25	COMMUNICATING ASSERTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY WITH DISTRESSED CLIENTS AND COLLEAGUES	Reverse your negative reactions to distressed behavior so that you can relate compassionately with clients and colleagues	
26	COMMUNICATING ASSERTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY WITH AGGRESSIVE CLIENTS AND COLLEAGUES	Overcome your reluctance to deal with aggression so that you can relate to aggressive clients and colleagues in useful ways	
27	COMMUNICATING ASSERTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY WITH UNPOPULAR CLIENTS	Become aware of your biases to clients and surmount them so you can provide nursing care to unpopular clients	
28	MANAGING TEAM CONFLICT ASSERTIVELY AND RESPONSIBLY	Use a systematic problem-solving approach to deal effectively with conflict between colleagues	
29	AT THE END OF	Reflect on the gifts and challenges of communicating with clients near the end of life and with their families	
30		Consider the commitments necessary to grow and embrace change in your professional and personal life	

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