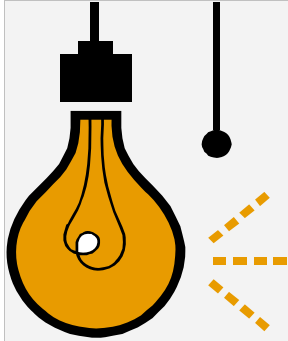


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What do they learn?

What is the point of an education? Why do our kids go from K through 12, and then on to college? Why do some of them go to med school, law school or business school? I think the point of it all is to prepare for a career.

Recently, I received a letter describing a magazine editor's attempts to hire a recent college graduate as assistant editor.

The first candidate was bright and seemed ready for the job. But then she was asked a simple

question: "What are you reading?"

Every single thing she mentioned was web-based. Nothing was printed – no newspapers, no magazines, no books. Needless to say, she did not get the job.

The next candidate was a young woman graduate with a 3.8 GPA. She was doing very well in the hiring process until the last step. She was asked to take a simple grammar and spelling test appropriate for



6th graders.

"She blew it!" said the amazed editor. He even brought her back to take a different grammar and spelling test. Again, she failed the test.

This is about thinking. "If you don't read or write, or how do you learn how to use words?" asked the editor. Two smart young college graduates were not qualified for an entry level job in the publishing business. Is it the kids, the schools, or the companies?

Office managers

Ohio is the most progressive state in the U.S. in dealing with autism. The Autism Scholarship Program provides up to \$20,000 for educating and training each qualified autistic child.

As the program manager at North Coast Tutoring for the Autism Scholarship Program, Angela Nestor faces some unusual challenges.

Based on our experiences, we believe it is our

responsibility to be patient and understanding with parents of autistic children who are often frustrated with the obstacles presented by this perplexing disorder.

Angela's job is to explain our role in the process and provide appropriate services. She does an excellent and thorough job on both.

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With the nursing shortage approaching one million

nurses, training new RNs is critical for the health care field. Jessica Smith manages this new North Coast Tutoring program that is for LPNs, Respiratory Therapists, and Paramedics studying to become RNs.

In a small way, our growing nursing program will help reduce the national nursing shortage. We expect our first nurses to complete the program in 2009.