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Introduction

- Hi everyone, good morning. I'm Nejma, and I will be sharing my own version of SWOT analysis today. As I continue to grow in the Health and Social Care industry, this will assist me in understanding my advantages, disadvantages, opportunities, and dangers.
- I've worked in a care facility for a number of years, performing a variety of tasks like activities, personal care, and occasionally cleaning. In order to expand my knowledge and pursue new employment prospects, I'm also pursuing a Level 4 degree in Health and Social Care.

This is Me!



Nikki Snell

What is a Swat analysis?



Using a SWOT analysis, one can consider four important areas:

- **Strengths:** My areas of knowledge.
- **Weaknesses:** Things that I should do better.
- **Opportunities:** Possibilities for development and education.
- **Threats:** Factors that might prevent me from moving forward.

Strategic planning is aided by SWOT analysis, which helps me better understand myself and plan my career in health and social care. Armstrong (2020)

• My major strengths are:

Experience and Empathy: Having spent many years working in the care industry, I have developed close bonds with residents and am aware of their emotional needs.

Strong Communication Skills: I am able to communicate effectively with residents, families, and other staff members. This makes the atmosphere more serene and secure.

Flexibility and Teamwork: I've worked in a variety of positions, including cleaning, activities, and care, demonstrating my ability to adjust quickly.

Commitment to Learning: My desire to continuously better myself is demonstrated by my university studies.

For instance, When a resident was feeling lonely, I spent time with her using my empathy and communication skills, which lifted her spirits and increased her trust in myself which was very important.



My major weaknesses are:

- **Technology Skills:** I occasionally find it difficult to use new platforms, such as online training or digital care planning.
- **Confidence in Academic Work:** Since I'm going back to university later in life, I occasionally find it difficult to write essays and cite sources.
- **Time management:** Juggling work, school, and family obligations can be challenging.



My opportunities

There are many opportunities for me to take advantage of:

- **Extra Training and Education:** Completing my Level 4 course may assist me progress up into a senior or management role.
- **Professional Development Courses:** In-person and online training on subjects including dementia care and safeguarding upgrades is offered by the company I work for.
- **Networking:** I can receive career advice and gain from the experiences of other professionals by working with them.
- **Tutoring and Mentoring Support:** I can ask for help improving my study methods and confidence(Skills for Care, 2022).



My threats

- **Workload and Burnout:** One possible worry is that working long shifts while studying can cause weariness and stress.
- **Financial Pressure:** Balancing income and educational costs may be difficult.
- **Changing Policies in Care:** The health and social care sector is always changing, so I have to stay up to date on the most recent regulations.
- **Competition for Roles:** Many people are looking into similar qualifications, which could make it more difficult to obtain a desired job position.



Image shows threat could out scale opportunity, if you are not careful.

How I will use my opportunities

To make the most of my opportunities:

- I intend to finish my Level 4 qualification before scheduling my Level 5 or management training.
- I'll take advantage NHS Learning Hub's free short courses; this will help upskill some of my abilities cost effective and efficiently.
- To avoid burnout, I'll make weekly goals for my study time and self-care.
- For upcoming promotions, I'll continue to update my resume and document my accomplishments.



Conclusion

- In conclusion, I can use my great communication and caring skills to advance in the Health and Social Care industry, as revealed by my SWOT analysis. Despite my time management and technical difficulties, I have access to help and training options.
- Also, I can continue to deliver high-quality care while advancing in my education and profession by making an accurate strategy, maintaining my motivation, and utilizing my strengths.



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