1 As a child, when I went to get my shots, I was so terrified that I escaped out the window of the doctor’s office. As I grew up, though, I considered nursing as a potential career. The more I learned about nursing, I realized that nursing is not the career for me.

2 \*Nurses have to work 12-hour shifts, often at night. ☺ I really love my sleep so when I learned that nurses have to work at night, I felt I wouldn’t be a very good employee. I would get so sleepy. I also think I would get really worn out having to work for 12 hours straight. Nursing would not be the best career choice for me because I would not be a very alert or helpful nurse if I had to work long shifts late at night.

3 \*Nurses have to give shots. ☺ I hated getting shots as a kid so I don’t think I would be able to give shots to other people. I remember I used to cry sometimes when getting shots as a child; I would feel horrible if I made someone cry—especially a little kid! I don’t want to make people cry, so nursing is not the best career fit for me.

4 \*Nurses often have to work on holidays. While nurses usually only work three days a week, they typically have to take turns working holidays. ☺ I really don't like working holidays because I love hanging out with my family. Since nurses are often scheduled on holidays, this is not the career for me.

5 I guess the child in me knew that nursing was not the right fit. The more I have learned about nursing during the career research project, the more I feel confident that this is not the field for me. Nurses work long, late hours, hurt people and must work over holidays. I guess I’ll have to start exploring other careers—maybe ones that won’t make me want to escape out the window!