Mathematics in Our Everyday Life

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 What is math? If you had asked me that question at the beginning of my earlier years of school, then my answer would have been something like: “math is about numbers, letters, and complicated equations.” Now, however, years later, I have come to appreciate a new characterization of what math is. Basic math does include numbers, letters, and equations, but it is also so much more than that—math is a way of intellect, a method of unravelling problems and explaining opinions, a footing upon which recent society is built, a configuration that nature is mottled by…and math is everywhere. We use math on a daily bases without even knowing most of the time. In my everyday experience, math can sometimes mean life or death for a patient.

 Math doesn’t come natural for most individuals. They get aggravated, give up or just cannot comprehend in their minds to the bigger picture. For me, math is second nature. I have always seen numbers in different ways that most do not. Mathematics is used every day at all times. Whether you are balancing a check book, calculating how much money you have to spend on lunch, counting how many students you have in your classroom or merely just calculating your points on a simple video game. The list is endless. Most of us said in high school that we would never use or need the skills we learned in math class. It is very humorous to me know when I see just how important it truly was.

 In my profession, math is used constantly. First, I had to make it through the math classes that were demanded to pass for the course. Second, I had to pass the calculations on the certification exam. And thirdly, I had to score high on my application to be hired on for my first job. You would think after all those classes and test that the math questions would stop there. You would guess wrong. Being a Pharmacy Technician, there will always be math; and many types of math equation, such as allegations, algebra, multiplication, division, addition, etc.…

 Why is this important? If it was you mother, child, grandparent, husband or wife, would you want someone who was highly educated on mathematics or someone who cannot add two plus two? I ask this question because when it comes to medications, chemo, difficult operations or a simple examination, all it takes is one mathematical error to end someone life. All it takes is a mistake of a decimal point or miscalculations of weight and height. We are all human and make mistakes when we get in a hurry. This seems to be our way of life now. There are always things to do and not enough time to do it. I cannot explain how important math is in everyday life in just a few words. Math is just more than important. It is a much needed necessity. Math saves lives, builds building—it runs the world.