

Why I Chose the Nursing Profession

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There are so many things to consider when choosing a profession, and as an incoming college student, there is nothing scarier than the thought of choosing the wrong one. Your grandmother, your mom's co-workers, your great aunt that you probably didn't even know you had, all bombard you with the same question—"What are you going to study?" For me, it was no different and if you would have asked me as a junior in high-school if I would ever study nursing, I would have said "No way!" without hesitation.

It was not until I was in a course my senior year of high school, Clinical Internship, that I really started to understand what nursing was all about. Despite my wishes, I was placed in a doctor's office to shadow the nurse there. In all honesty, I had no intention of loving it or even liking it for that matter. Let me say this, there is nothing more humbling than being proven wrong. I learned two things from being placed in that doctor's office. One, do not go into something new with negative expectations and two, I absolutely love nursing!

Of course when you think about choosing a profession there are many things to consider. Will I be financially stable? What does the job market look like? How much schooling is required? When I began to ask myself these questions, I only found positive answers. Nurses definitely make reasonable pay, there is a great need for them, and after four years and the state board exam, you are well on your way to a great career. Another thing I found when looking into nursing was that there are so many options! The great thing about nursing is that you are not confined to one area for your entire career. You can specialize, you can go into administration, or you can transfer departments as you choose. The possibilities are endless!

Although these questions are important, I have always been told by my dad, "Do what you love". As I learned my senior year in high school, I love nursing. I love the nurturing, compassionate aspect of the profession. Knowing that I can help someone with their physical and emotional needs brings a smile to my face. I believe that I was placed on this earth to serve, and I truly find joy in serving others. Now that I am a junior in the nursing program, things are really starting to come together. I love being in the clinical setting more and more. Nursing is extremely hard work, but to me it is rewarding and fulfilling. I could not be happier with the choice I have made to be a nurse and I look forward to the days to come in my profession!



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