

Why have I wanted to become a nurse? I wanted to become a nurse when I became a phlebotomist while my husband was in the Marine Corps and was deployed to Japan on a Mediterranean Sea Float, I then was introduced to hemodialysis back in the early 80's. I fell in love with visibly seeing patients come in the dialysis facility short of air, could hardly walk, and weak. When they walked out, although still being weak, they could breathe so much better. Over 26 years of being a certified dialysis technician, I wanted to be able to do more and more for the patients, and the only way to do this is to become a nurse. I had the opportunity to watch dialysis evolve from calculating the weights of patients, the co-efficient of the dialyzers, divided by the hours of the treatment to come up with the transmembrane pressure to set at, to now all you must do is figure out how much weight needs to be removed on a computer. Boy, how medicine has changed. I am fascinated with everything nursing and medicine and how an individual can be helped. With my familial history having a lot of comorbidities, it interests me even more. My goal is to aid and educate as many people as possible.