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Why I want to become a nurse

Growing up, I knew I was meant for two things, being on stage and helping people. Since I am not in any position to be a rockstar, why not be a nurse? I grew up in a rather normal yet, unconventional household. My parents are still married and over the top supportive of anything I wish to do. When I set out to become a singer or professional dancer, they were on board. My brother was diagnosed with cancer right out of his senior year of high school. I became intrigued as I watched the medical staff treat him. I grew a high level of respect for the way the different specialties orchestrated the care plans. Each of them very different but when they came together, they were saving lives. Including Zach's. I wanted to be part of that "band." I have two daughters ages 16 and 5, and everything they learn, they learn from me. I want them to see that goals can be obtained and that their momma is doing for others. I want to be able to support them financially. Choosing nursing as my path to serve those in my community, will not only set a good example, but will also fulfill my part in helping others.