

A year and a half ago, I was content with being an LVN. When asked why I didn't pursue becoming an RN, the idea of returning to school seemed crazy. The responsibility of being in charge intimidated me, and I doubted my ability to step into that role. However, after working alongside several exceptional RNs, including traveling nurses, I was inspired by their experiences. Their stories ignited a passion within me and motivated me to further my education to obtain my RN degree. I've come to understand that being a nurse encompasses far more than just administering treatments and medications. A nurse plays a crucial role in a patient's healing journey, providing a listening ear, a comforting voice, and a reassuring presence. Whether a patient's stay is short or long, we form deep connections with them, advocate for their needs, and strive to deliver the best possible care.

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