

I want to be a nurse because I feel a calling to love and serve people. Nursing is more than a career choice - it is a ministry. Loving and caring for others is foundational to my faith and beliefs. I believe every person is an image-bearer of God and worthy of love, care, and compassion - especially in their most vulnerable moments. Throughout my lifetime, I have had many opportunities to help care for my own family members: my special needs brother, my father who had Parkinson's disease, my grandmother who had Alzheimer's and lived with my parents, and my five precious children. These experiences, along with my own health challenges and a decade of homeschooling, have helped shape me into the nurse the Lord always knew I would become. I am truly honored and excited to step into this calling. I know it will not be easy, and there will be many challenges in nursing school and in this career, but I will keep my focus on Christ, who leads me, and on my "why" - to be the hands and feet of Jesus to people who are hurting.