

I am a first-generation college graduate who has spent many years working in accounting, but my most recent role in a clinic awakened a deep desire to change careers and pursue nursing. Although returning to school while balancing family and financial responsibilities has been challenging, I felt a calling to follow a path that better aligned with my heart. My passion for nursing, specifically hospice care, comes from my personal experiences with my parents at the end of their lives — my mother's hospice journey lacked compassion, while my father's years later was filled with dignity and support. Seeing how profound hospice care can shape a family's final memories showed me the impact a nurse can have during life's most vulnerable moments. I want to be a nurse so I can provide comfort, advocacy, and compassion to patients and families when they need it most, knowing that purpose and meaningful service matter more to me now than financial gain.