

Being a nurse, you have so many options to choose from for what area you may want to go into. When people say you can always find change in nursing, it is true. You can choose any specialty, any department, any environment to work in. There is always something to do within nursing. For me, I know where I want to start my career as a nurse, but nothing says that can't change in the next 5 years. To start my career, I will be graduating from Firelands Regional Medical School of Nursing with my diploma in nursing and go on to work in the emergency department at Main Campus Cleveland Clinic.

After getting my feet under me and having a good foundation with the start of my nursing career, I plan on getting my bachelors. Not only do I plan to obtain my bachelors because it is required within 3-5 years of working there, but I also want to further my education and opportunities I may have within the nursing field. After a few years of experience in the ER as a nurse, I would love to go more critical care to get experience there before hopefully one day becoming a flight nurse and work for life flight.

With working in the ER, there are many courses that are required to be certified in the different areas of the emergency room. A few examples would be NIH certified, TNCC certified, PALS certified, ACLS certified, along with many others. Thankfully my first year in my position is a residency program which means that I will receive more training and classroom work with educators to get even more comfortable with the facility, staff, and how they run their department.

Within the next 5-10 years, I would love to become a CCRN. With becoming a CCRN, I could work on flight. To work on life flight, you must have many certifications, your BSN, as well as have critical care and emergency room experience. I can only hope in my future I am able to continue learning and expanding my knowledge within the nursing field. Thankfully, with the position I accepted they have loan forgiveness, they will paid for me to further my education, and many other great benefits that will help me to succeed.