

Review the assigned Zerwekh reading along with this power point. Your assignment is to discuss (2-3 paragraphs) the highest level of nursing education you are planning to complete and why. Place your completed assignment in the Unit 3: Z-Chapter 6 Dropbox by 2/9/2023 at 0800.

The highest level of nursing education that I plan on completing is my master's degree. With obtaining a master's degree I will be able to achieve my career goal of becoming a nurse practitioner or to become a nurse educator. However, after further review I know now that I may have to obtain my Doctor of Nursing practice degree if I want to become a nurse practitioner in certain states. I am still uncertain with what route I am going to follow since I have not even finished my nursing school or bachelor's program. Nonetheless I do want to pursue further education and to continue to develop myself into becoming a more knowledgeable and skilled nurse.

If I pursue the route of becoming a nurse practitioner, I see it taking an additional ten to twelve years. I give myself this amount of time to be able to work as an RN and develop an amount of experience before pursuing a position where I will have even more responsibility for my patients. I am also giving myself this amount of time to complete all the needed classes to obtain my master's degree or even doctorate's degree. With pursuing this career, I hope to specialize in pediatrics and to work in an outpatient facility. In this position I will be able to provide care to a specific group of patients who I will get to see grow up and hopefully live full and happy lives.

If I pursue the route of becoming a nurse educator, I see it taking an additional ten to fifteen years. My reason for giving myself this amount of time is to be able to experience and witness all sorts of scenarios and situations that I would be able to reflect on during lectures. I believe to become a good nurse educator one needs to have lots of experience to be able to educate individuals about the kind of care different types of patients need. To expand my experiences, I would pursue RN positions that work with a variety of different patient types. Specifically, I would investigate working with psychiatric patients, pediatric patients, rehabilitation patients and pregnant patients. I have found all these nursing practices particularly interesting and would love to work in roles associated with these patients.

In reflection I look forward to my future career as a nurse. I am nervous but also excited to see where my path takes me and look forward to all the future education opportunities I will get to experience. As of right now I would be happy to become either a nurse practitioner or nurse educator, but hopefully after I experience more of the life as a nurse, I will be able to decide between the two. However, I do realize I still need to pass nursing school right now and will continue to focus on this goal so I can hopefully fulfill my dreams of eventually becoming a nurse practitioner or nurse educator.