

I plan to complete my bachelor's degree in nursing. I plan to do this because there are many more opportunities with your bachelor's degree. Many hospitals even require you to have your bachelor's degree. I personally aim for the goals that my mother has set in place she became an RN later in life but shortly after becoming an RN she became the director of nursing at the facility she works at. Shortly after becoming the DON she furthered her nursing by receiving her bachelor's degree. I aspire to aim for the same goals just at my own pace and in a different direction. One of the facilities I work at is a Christian based facility and many of my family is either Christian or Catholic. This has made me learn a lot about religion throughout the years. In the bible Phoebe was the first deaconess who was identified as giving care as a nurse. Florence Nightingale set the premise for nurses. She believed that there was something bigger for the nursing community and she made it come true. Florence Nightingale along with my mother are two of my biggest aspirations for nursing.

Florence Nightingale had studied hospitals and health throughout her years, in 1851 she spent 3 months in training. The hospitals that they had during the Crimean war were filthy and had very little food or water. Florence Nightingale was the first nurse researcher, she was named the lady with the lamp as she would make rounds during the night to check on the soldiers. She established schools for nurses that would go from 6 in the morning till 9 at night. Many of the things that were put in place by Nightingale are followed today by nursing schools however, they have been adjusted to today's time period. This is why many nursing schools mention Florence Nightingale and encourage the students to learn about her.

Nursing schools earlier had females who were typically around 21 years old. They typically didn't have much education and would spend a lot of time scrubbing and folding and not doing as much hands on patient work as they do today. Many times the schools would have a dormitory with a housemother to watch over them, they would have long days from 5:30 in the morning till late at night. Many of them would have to catch the few lectures doctors provided but this wasn't until 8 or 9 at night therefore they were up for long hours and would still have to come and learn. Today schools have more boundaries and it isn't acceptable to work nurses for as long of hours anymore due to evidenced based practice. Many of the times schools now have online work to be able to have the students out of the classroom more and still being able to learn while they are at home. There is less hands on work and more practice with mannequins and online practice as this is how technology has advanced the nursing profession throughout the years.