

Ever since I was a little girl, I had big dreams and aspirations. I remember growing up always wanting to play doctor and performing care on toys or family members. Well, fast forwarding, I am continuously chasing the dreams I had created at such a young age. Firelands Medical Center School of Nursing has been challenging but nothing short of rewarding. Throughout the process, I have continued to brainstorm ideas for my next steps following the completion of this program.

My goals following the completion of FRMCSN do not hinder as I aspire to become a flight nurse. My plan involves moving to Columbus, Ohio. Here I will complete my BSN through The Ohio State University while hopefully employed at one of the nation's leading academic healthcare facilities working in their emergency department – The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. I will gain extraordinary experience in emergency/ trauma care as this hospital is a trauma one. From there, I will obtain a Master of Science in Nursing Degree and a flight nurse certification through the Board of Certification in Emergency Nursing.

Often people ask me, "Why does flight nursing interest you?" Well, to start off with basics, my overall calling is caring for others. If I could do one thing, it would be to help anyone and everyone in need. But that isn't what sold me on that specific field. Like the reason I am interested in the emergency department at Ohio State's medical facility, adrenaline, critical care, physical stamina, and the ability to rapidly respond while critically thinking through the care I provide seems like the perfect fit for me. Life flight nursing involves providing advanced patient care to victims who have experienced a traumatic accident or critically ill patients in need of medical transport. Duties a flight nurse performs are evaluating critically ill/ injured patients upon arrival, stabilization and monitoring of a patient's status, effectively responding to changes in a patient's condition, first aid, administration of medications, IVs, and blood products, documentation, maintenance of nursing competencies, and maintaining effective communication with other healthcare members within the flight team and within the hospital awaiting the patient.

I am beyond eager to continue my education. There are so many different career options one can take following the completion of their registered nursing diploma and flight nursing has become a new aspiration of mine. With time and dedication, may all my dreams come true!