

### **Continuing My Education**

When I first started school, I thought I just wanted to go and become just an RN. I thought I could just get through this program and be done. I had already received my Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Mount Union in 2017. I had no intention of doing any more school than I had to. Throughout my time at school that has quickly changed. I learned that most hospitals require their nurses to receive their BSN. I have accepted a position as a Cardiac Care Nurse after graduation at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio. They require their nurses to get their BSN within six years. I plan to start earning my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing after I do one year as a CCU Nurse. I want to give myself a year to adjust to the career role as a nurse. My first year is going to be an adjustment. I think a year will give me time to get comfortable and find my routine as an RN. However, if I feel I am well enough adjusted I may start earning my BSN sooner. Aultman Hospital does have their own school so they will help me on earning my BSN. I have also considered going back to BGSU and earn my BSN online.

Will I stop at just earning my BSN? I am still undecided. Later on in my career I might want to teach. This is something I have been considering. I have considered going back to my alma matter, the University of Mount Union to teach in their program. I could even come back to town and teach at our school someday. If I do decide to teach, I would like to go back and get my MSN. I want to keep advancing my education. I love to learn. Nursing is a constantly changing profession. In my opinion, in order to become the best nurse I can be, I need to continue on my education.