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Highest Level of Education

When I think about my future, I consider many elements from my goals in life to the possibilities of raising children. I am what you call, obsessive. To me, having a clear and organized agenda with every avenue and solution is my ideal environment. Health care is not perfect and straightforward. When I signed up for nursing school, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I thought every problem would have a clear and simple answer. Patient care was going to be simple, a medicine for each issue to solve it all. I have to say, it really is complex. Everyone always said it was hard and I would never sleep, they were right. I signed up for nursing school thinking it would be just like high school again and I would fly by under the radar. I would have never known I would end up enjoying the complexities, the head scratchers.

To say I have changed my mindset since starting nursing school is an understatement. My eyes opened to a world I could never have anticipated. I love it. I cannot wait to graduate with my RN license and my associated degree (technical study). However, when I try to pick what I want to accomplish, I feel stuck. I definitely want to start working for my bachelor's of science as soon as possible so I can further myself in the field and learn more, but I cannot decide what to do from there. Being a nurse practitioner is something I have always wanted to do. However, I have also considered getting a master's of science in nursing and educating or doing research. Being a nurse practitioner sounds great for me, because I enjoy helping patients and the possibility of being a doctor (sort of) is very interesting and I think that would benefit me in the long run. Thinking along the lines of education has also been a consideration for me. At one point, I wanted to be a teacher and I do enjoy helping others and educating. It is just hard to

decide. I think starting with achieving a bachelors degree and then choosing my highest level of education a few years after is what is best for me.