

At this current time, I am planning on either obtaining my BSN or an NP license. When I first entered the nursing program, I wanted to be a pediatric nurse practitioner. After the numerous clinical experiences in different areas throughout the past few semesters, I discovered new potential interests in career choices. I still want to work in pediatrics, but there are so many jobs that I can get in nursing. If I decide to remain with the pediatric specialty, I want to continue my education until I can become a nurse practitioner. I have always wanted to work with kids, and reaching this level of education will allow me to really specialize in this field and further understand the diagnostics and effects of illness as well. If I choose to go a different route with my career, most facilities want you to earn a BSN within a certain amount of years. Once I achieve this, I will then decide if I am satisfied with the BSN level or if I want to continue my education further.

My primary care provider is a nurse practitioner, and she inspires me even more to pursue the NP route. We talk a lot at my appointments, and she tells me about some of the testing and other tasks she has. I was sick a lot as a kid and had to go to the hospital and my pediatrician's office pretty frequently. Going through everything I went through and having great members of my healthcare team helped me decide to go into the medical field in the first place. I want to be able to give back the care I received when I needed it, regardless of what area I end up working in.