

There are many educational steps I will take after receiving my associate in nursing. I will then take the steps to achieve my bachelor's in nursing, and then my master's in nursing. After this, I would like to take the steps to obtain my PhD, with my dissertation related to neurology. Before, I didn't have much desire to go past receiving my bachelor's. Then my mindset changed; not only is nursing malleable in the careers and skills you can accomplish, but so is the journey of how you come to obtain this. During my long-term journey of obtaining my PhD, I want to gain critical care experience, furthering my education in ACLS and PALS.

Along with my education, my work level experience and work ethic are also important to me. Having been an STNA for almost seven years, I can attest to the skills, knowledge, and patient relationships I've grown that has helped shape my career in healthcare. Because of this important aspect of nurturing patient relationships, I want to grow my skills and knowledge outside of Ohio. I would like to travel within the U.S. but also internationally to countries with low access to healthcare resources, inadequate supplies in their healthcare system, or disease epidemics. To me, being able to spread the knowledge and skills that I have through educational measures is important for educational seeds to grow. Not only the seeds to plant, but the knowledge to make them flourish.

Some ways I plan on accomplishing this are excelling in my critical care skills and knowledge. My father always told me that knowledge is power, but most importantly influence. I want to use the influence to motivate and inspire others to go the farthest they can with their nursing career, because it is ultimately what you decide to make it. I want to gain international experience through nursing internships in Peru, Kenya, Uganda, or Africa. This will give me the chance to expose myself to these elements of change in pace in scenery, but also the relationships I will make, and the knowledge I'll receive. In closing, I believe a nursing career is a block of clay that you can mold into your own piece of art; that's exactly what I plan to do.