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Nursing is a very complex occupation. It covers a wide range of tasks and skills. Nursing has helped shape the way we function as a society and the way we live our lives. From the beginning with Florence Nightingale to the ANA and the current nurses today. Nursing is known as the most trusted profession because of our dedication to providing patient-centered care in a holistic environment (Davis, Charlotte. (2018). Ethical Decision Making. Retrieved from <http://www.NursingMadeIncrediblyEasy.com>).

A nurse is defined as a person who cares for the sick, but a professional nurse has no real definition. According to Katrina Rowen being a professional nurse means, “The patients in your care must be able to trust you, it means being up to date with best practice, it means treating your patients and colleagues with dignity, kindness, respect, and compassion. It means understanding the NMC code of conduct. It means being accountable.” I believe every nurse should possess all these qualities listed plus many more. All professional nurses should be kind, respectful, compassionate, supportive, friendly, enthusiastic, easy to talk to, and most importantly, delighted to help other people. Paying attention to detail, working diligently and endlessly, and having good communication skills are all key factors in being a good professional nurse. Professional nurses put in many long, hard days. Nurses typically work a 12-hour shift 3 days a week or 8-hour shift 5 days a week. That may not seem like as much as you would expect, but in all reality, nurses spend numerous days at home working on bettering themselves as a nurse. The ANA code of ethics documents outlines the mission and values of the business or organization, how professionals are supposed to approach problems, the ethical principles based on the

organization's core values and the standards to which the professional is held (Code of Ethics-Investopedia. [http: www.investopedia.com](http://www.investopedia.com)). Florence Nightingale is considered the founder of educated Scientific Nursing and widely known as "The Lady with the Lamp".

In 7 years in the year 2025, I see myself enjoying my career working as an Oncology nurse. I have been tossing around what kind of nurse I want to be and at this point in my life and career I believe the field of Oncology is my calling. I have been praying about where I will get a job after schooling and waiting for that sign as I am where I am supposed to be. It was always a toss-up between Dialysis and Oncology. Early this week I received a phone call that has not only changed my best friend's life but has impacted mine as well. As I was not exactly sure if Oncology would be a fit for me, I received my sign and now feel that in the next 7 years I will be with patients on an Oncology floor. I don't know if it will be here in Illinois, but I do know that I want to be the smiling face that patients see on what could be their hardest day or their best day. So as my journey in Nursing has taken a slow path it is the right path for me and I am confident that in 2025 I will be exactly where I am meant to be and that is working on an Oncology floor or one of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. I believe that I hold the qualities to be a good nurse and have the ethics to conduct myself professionally always. This is not always easy when it comes to family and friends who are facing bumps in the road, but with my education and continuous learning I will not only grow as a nurse but maybe in 2025 I will be a charge nurse. As of now I don't plan to continue with furthering my education. I want to enjoy the nursing aspect that I am preparing for today so in 2025 I will be a confident nurse with experience.

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