

Philosophy of Professional Nursing

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Every nurse has a different philosophy of the way they feel that patients should be cared for. Philosophy of nursing is “an approach to nursing, usually created by individual nurses in their own daily practice in the field. A nurse uses his or her philosophy of nursing to explain what he or she believes nursing is, the role nursing plays in the healthcare field, and how he or she interacts with patients.”(Petiprin, A. 2016) My own philosophy of nursing is that every patient should be cared for in to the best of my ability and the best ability of the other health professionals. We, as a healthcare team, need to work together to help the patient get the best health that they can be and when doing that we need to consider their personal beliefs along with our own. According to the Department of Health and Human Services (2018), “patient-centered care is about treating a person receiving healthcare with dignity and respect and involving them in all decisions about their health.” Patient-centered care should be the main goal of the entire healthcare team.

I have always loved helping people out in any way I possibly can, even if it doesn't benefit me. When doing my clinicals in my CNA class I just knew then that I really wanted to be a nurse. Being able to do something as simple as brushing the patient's hair and cleaning their dentures gives me satisfaction in knowing that I could help someone feel better. I have always put others before myself and I feel like having that quality would help me become a great nurse.

After I become a nurse and work for 1 to 2 years in the ICU at a local hospital, I want to continue my education to become a CRNA. By the year 2025, I hope to be working as an RN, BSN and midway through my CRNA program. I have decided that I will most likely go back to school to become a CRNA, but I am still going to keep an open mind since there are so many different routes you can go in this field of study. Six years is a long time and it will be hard to for

sure say what I will be doing and where I will be when that time comes. I just think it is important to keep an open mind when it comes to what the future holds because there is so much potential for anyone who puts forth the effort.

“I have neither given nor receive, nor will I tolerate others’ use of unauthorized aid”.

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