

From the moment I was admitted to the hospital in eighth grade to have my gallbladder removed, I learned what compassionate nursing truly meant. I still remember the nurse who stayed by my side, explaining every step and easing my fears when I was scared and uncertain. Her kindness and professionalism inspired me to pursue a career where I could offer that same reassurance and care to others during their most vulnerable moments.

My undergraduate studies in Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences provides me with a broad, interdisciplinary foundation that integrates nursing, psychology, biology, and nutrition. This combination of courses helped me understand the human body, not only from a clinical perspective but also through the lenses of behavior, wellness, and mental health. I developed an appreciation for how these disciplines intersect to promote holistic care, an understanding I hope to bring to my future nursing practice.

Beyond academics, my hands-on experiences have reinforced my commitment to this field. As a sports medicine intern, I had the opportunity to shadow a nurse practitioner, which deepened my understanding of patient-centered care and interdisciplinary collaboration. I also shadowed a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), an experience that allowed me to observe procedures in the operating room and witness the critical role nurses play in ensuring patient safety and comfort. These experiences confirmed my desire to work in a fast-paced environment like the emergency department, where every decision and every act of care can make a life-changing difference.

Earning my Master of Science in Nursing will give me the advanced knowledge and clinical skills necessary to provide high-quality, evidence-based care. I am eager to learn from expert faculty, engage in clinical practice, and contribute to a program that values both compassion and excellence. After completing the program, I plan to sit for the NCLEX to become a registered nurse and begin my career in the emergency department. In the long term, I aspire to return to school to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, continuing to expand my expertise and impact within the healthcare field.

Nursing is more than a career path for me. It is a calling shaped by empathy, experience, and a deep desire to serve. I am confident that this program will provide the rigorous preparation and supportive learning environment I need to grow into the kind of nurse who not only treats patients but truly cares for them in every sense.