

My primary source of inspiration to become a nurse has been the desire to help people through some of their most vulnerable moments. As a nurse, I will be at the forefront of providing health care and assisting different people to regain their health or go through difficult times. This aspiration has been a gradual realization that I have developed over the years as I worked as a nurse in different capacities in my native community and also as I volunteered with Red Cross and also the University of Chicago Medicine.

During the working experiences as nurse within my community, I had the opportunity to interact with different patients on a daily basis, help them overcome health challenges and even share with them about on health-promoting behavior. These exposures made me understand that the healthcare setting is a wonderful area to work in as it gives one the opportunity to have an influence on the life of others, and I also learned that nursing is not all about providing an immediate treatment but also on developing working relationships with patients and teaching them health-promoting behaviors that would improve their quality of life.

Furthermore, as I volunteered at the University of Chicago, I had the pleasure of working with some committed nurses who inspired me through their skills and diligence at work. Even though they had to do long shifts at times, they did their work with passion and dedication that motivated me to focus on the nursing aspect of health science. I admired the fact that nursing was fast-paced yet an exciting since each day had its challenges and clinicians have to be active all the time they were on duty.

Columbia nursing offers one of the best learning opportunities at the highest level. I believe that from experience, I will be able to develop excellent skills and advance my career on a strong foundation of skills, knowledge and capabilities. Also, Columbia nursing provides a good environment for developing competence not only in nursing but in nursing technology and

other emerging trends that will make me a better nurse in the current nursing environment and in the future. I will be able to learn from the best nursing educators and role models who have guided many nurses to their realization of the true purpose of nursing. The school will play a critical role in my career as it will holistically develop my skills for the current and future nursing roles.

Over the years have worked on different work environments and roles such as real estate agent and as a pediatric nurse for my community and I have developed excellent communication skills especially in active listening. I have also developed a good intercultural awareness which will help in social and professional interactions as I learn. I will use these skills and capabilities to develop my competencies and build working relationships with different individuals from students to nursing educators. As an individual who believes in the power of collaboration, I look forward to working with fellow students and learning more about the skills, culture and tenets of being a nurse.