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## Nursing [Career Paper]

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### My Career Paper

The career I have chosen to pursue is BSN, RN with the specialty in Pediatrics and Obstetrics Gynecology. Nursing to me is being a helping hand to someone else, you're considered the life saver in the situation, the shoulder to cry on, and the educational advisor. As a nurse you have to be ready to make decisions rather quickly, you have to be able to control emotions. Things may get tough but you have to know your role and be mindful of your career. My interest for this career is very strong because of the medical background I have come from. My grandmother has been a foster parent to many different children and my siblings and I have grown to learn how to interact with the children, unsure of what type of environment they were taken out of we showed them unconditional love, nurtured them back to health physically as well as mentally. Although they may have been hurt, we surrounded them with an environment that was positive and very active with sporting event, church interaction and many other family functions. Another asset to the healthcare field has been my mother, handling clients with mental disabilities as well as physical disabilities. Some clients had the ability to do for themselves with very little assistance, while others on the other hand needed a lot of assistance such as: bathing, toileting, getting dressed, feedings and medication assistance. Then there is myself, I am a Registered Medical Assistant in which I obtained this certification 2 years ago. I love what I do and I have learned a lot from working in cardiology to pain management that are two very different atmospheres. In cardiology, I learned how to properly place the leads on a

patient and read the EKG. While in pain management, I learned to input data and create patient notes, give injections, draw up medications, count narcotics, give urine drugs screens and oral swabs. I also assisted my physician in the operating room. I am ready to tackle the education needed to become a successful nurse.

Becoming a nurse requires 4 years of education when obtaining a bachelor's degree and further education in other areas to master the skills ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)). In order to become licensed the state requires that you complete an approved nursing program and pass the NCLEX-RN exam ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)). Each state has its own minimal requirements and standards for their nurses. Salary is also another aspect in nursing, the minimum you will make as a Registered Nurse, in May 2016 was \$68,450 ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)). Not only does the type of industry you choose to work in affect the type of pay range, specialty and experience on the job play apart in that area too. ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)). If you were categorized by percentile, on a minimal pay you should receive based off of a 10% rating is \$21.62 hourly ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)). To me personally I believe this is a great jumpstart into my career. The journal I chose, "Touched by a nurse," (Kane, J., & Warner, C. (1999). I one particular journal entry that touched me a nurse by the name of Mary Lou Helfrich Jones, who had encountered a very emotional loss in her life with the death of her younger brother Robbie whom was 3 ½ years old at the time. Robbie was battling acute lymphocytic leukemia, which is a cancer that starts in your white blood cells in bone marrow that attack the new blood cells are made. (<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/acute-lymphocytic-leukemia/about/what-is-all.html>). Multiple staff members had coordinated a plan for Randy's health; they also provided support to his mother, father and siblings. Later on Randy's health had advanced and turned for the worst. Randy talked to the nurse about how tired he was and how thankful her and her staff members were to provide the best care for him. A year later Randy had passed away and it home to her. Nurse Jones, was able to help the family cope with the loss of

their child (1991). The other book and article used, "*The motherhood career slide*" and "Maternal & child health nursing" were not as useful as far as basic nursing information it was more in depth in specialty of child bearing and statistics.

After doing the research I have searched for in regards to nursing, I still have the same mindset and dreams to completing the program to graduate and receive my BSN, RN degree. I am ready to face the many challenges that may take place in my future. I shall concur and overcome this goal. I will not be a statistic.

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