

Personal Statement Essays
Registered Nursing Major – AB540

Education and Career Goals*

Write a brief statement outlining your education and career goals; if undecided, state what you hope to gain from the college experience.

My education goals are to complete the Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program at MiraCosta College in Spring 2017. Then I will apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) by December 2017. My goal is to transfer to a four-year university to get a Bachelors in Science of Nursing Degree by enrolling in a RN to BSN program after obtaining licensure. After obtaining my BSN I want to continue my education to eventually obtain a Ph.D.

My career goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner (NP). I want to become a NP to work in my community. I want to be a NP in hopes of helping my Hispanic community because I have personally dealt with the challenges of getting quality healthcare. I have seen my mother and other Hispanic individuals struggle with language barriers and because of these language barriers they have been denied adequate health care. As a NP I will do my best to care, educate, and help my community.

Extracurricular Activities*

List activities you are involved with both on and off campus; for example, clubs, organizations, volunteer service, and sports activities. If applicable, describe your employment experience and how many hours you work per week. Do your activities relate to your education or career objective?

I am currently employed 30 hours a week. I work as a caregiver with adults who have special needs and as a respite caregiver for a child who also has special needs. I chose to work with this population to gain skills that will help me in my journey to becoming a NP. I have gained new skills like patience, acceptance of differences, and communication. I enjoy working with the individuals I work with because I am helping make a difference in their life.

Since the nursing program is very intense and requires a lot of time and dedication, I am not able to volunteer as much as I would like, but I have made a goal to give more to my community. In the past I have volunteered at Tri-City Auxiliary Program in the Lab Department, obtaining samples from different departments in the hospital. I have helped with MANA de San Diego at their Annual Health Fairs helping provide free preventative screenings to those who lack health coverage. At the Encuentros Club at MiraCosta College I volunteered to be their secretary and I also helped with the Encuentros Conference. I have also been a guest speaker at Ocean Shore High School to inspire students to continue their education. In addition, I have participated in the MiraCosta Service Learning Program at sites like Ivey Ranch Park and MAAC Head Start.

The organizations and clubs I am involved in are MANA de San Diego Organization, which focuses on higher education for Latina girls and woman. I am also a member of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA), which is involved in different community events like homeless outreach programs. I've helped the NSNA by donating items for their homeless care packages. In the future, I hope to be able to give more back to my community.

Other Information about yourself*

Please provide information you would like to share about yourself including accomplishments you are proud of, hardships or challenges you overcame in your life, scholarships and/or honors you received. Most important, state your financial need and how a scholarship will help you achieve your education goal.

The biggest accomplishment I have achieved is being admitted to the nursing program at MiraCosta College. It has not been easy to get where I am today, but all the challenges have helped me become a better person all around. At one point in my life the thought of college was an unattainable dream because I was a 16-year-old mother. With the support of my teachers and family I graduated high school and with the help of two scholarships I became the first in my family to attend college. During the next four years I focused on completing all my general education and prerequisites for the nursing program while working full-time and

being a parent. During this time my son was diagnosed with mild Autism and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD); that only made my desire to become a nurse even greater. Another challenge I have is that of being an AB540. I don't get any financial assistance for my son or for my education, and this is why I work to support my son and why I depend on scholarships to help pay for my education. If I am awarded this scholarship it will help me purchase the books and pay the fees that the program requires to continue.