

Nursing Statement of Purpose #2

My goal in pursuing graduate education as a Family Nurse Practitioner is shaped by sustained clinical experience and a commitment to providing comprehensive, accessible healthcare. Working as a registered nurse has shown me the critical role advanced practice nurses play in improving patient outcomes, increasing access to care, and supporting long-term health management. Graduate education represents the next step toward expanding my scope of practice and clinical responsibility.

I completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Lakeshore University, where academic coursework emphasized clinical reasoning, health assessment, and evidence-based practice. Clinical rotations across primary care, pediatrics, women's health, and acute care settings provided exposure to patients across the lifespan. These experiences strengthened my interest in family-centered care and highlighted the importance of continuity and prevention in healthcare delivery.

Following licensure, I began working in a community health clinic that serves diverse and underserved populations. In this setting, I provide direct patient care, conduct health assessments, administer treatments, and collaborate closely with physicians, social workers, and care coordinators. Many of the patients I work with manage chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and asthma. Addressing these conditions requires not only clinical knowledge but also patient education, cultural sensitivity, and long-term engagement.

As my role developed, I became increasingly involved in patient education and care coordination. I support patients in understanding treatment plans, managing medications, and accessing community resources. I frequently assist patients who face barriers related to transportation, insurance coverage, and health literacy. These experiences have reinforced my belief that effective primary care depends on trust, accessibility, and consistent follow-up. They have also clarified my interest in advanced clinical decision-making and independent patient management.

Working in a community setting has highlighted the impact Family Nurse Practitioners have on primary care access and continuity. I have observed how advanced practice nurses manage patient panels, diagnose conditions, and develop treatment plans while maintaining a holistic view of patient health. These observations strengthened my motivation to pursue advanced practice training and clarified the responsibilities I am prepared to assume.

The Family Nurse Practitioner program at Riverside College of Nursing aligns closely with my professional objectives.



The curriculum's emphasis on primary care, health promotion, and advanced clinical reasoning supports my goal of providing comprehensive care across age groups. Faculty expertise in community health and advanced practice nursing reflects an academic environment committed to improving population health.

During graduate study, my short-term goals include developing advanced diagnostic skills, strengthening clinical reasoning, and gaining confidence in independent patient care. I intend to apply this training directly to improving access to primary care and preventive services within community settings. Long-term, I plan to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner in a primary care environment that serves diverse populations and emphasizes preventive care.

Graduate education in nursing offers the academic rigor and clinical preparation required for advanced practice. My academic background, clinical experience, and commitment to patient-centered care demonstrate readiness for graduate nursing study and long-term contribution to healthcare delivery.