

SO,
YOU WANT TO WORK
IN PEDIATRIC
NURSING?

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AGENDA

The history of nursing

My nursing timeline

Why I became a nurse

Challenges of a pediatric nurse



Be my lifeline.

Be a pediatric nurse.



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HISTORY OF NURSING

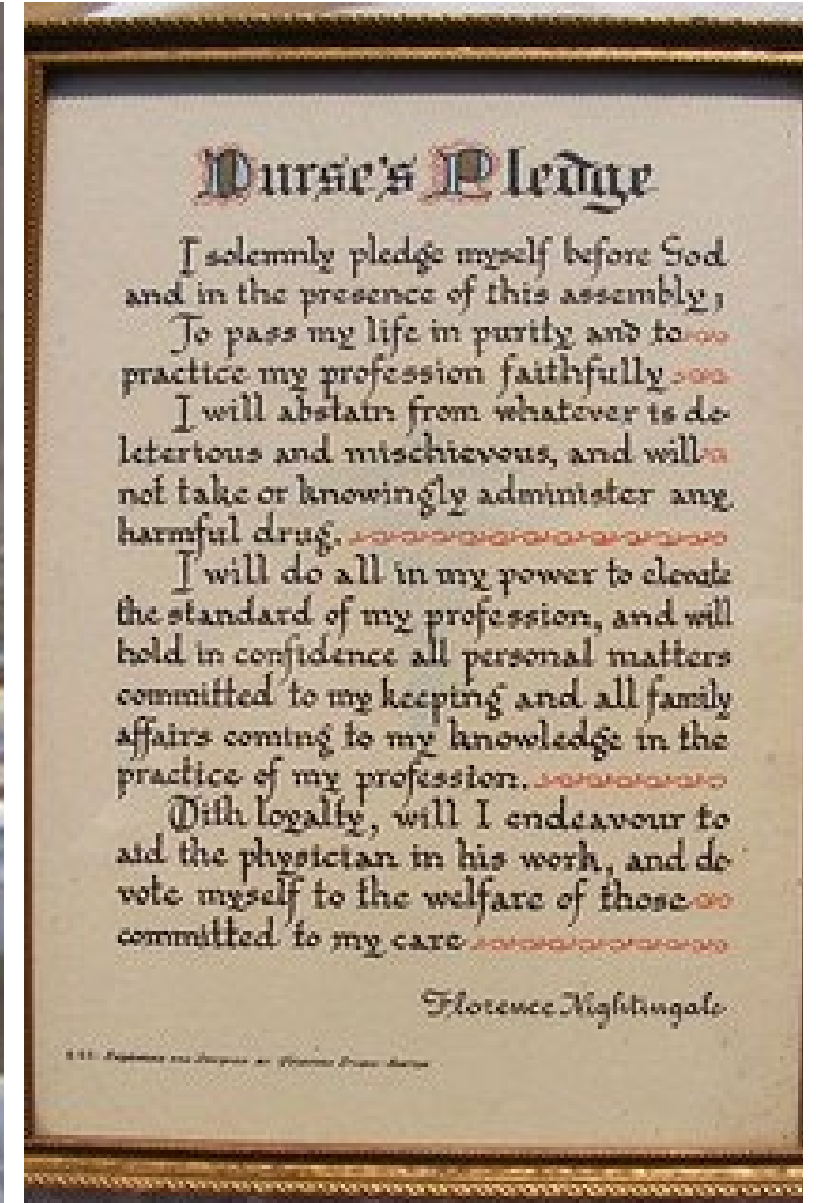
1854 took 38 nurses to the war to provide care for the wounded soldiers.

Became known as the first “professional nurse”

1859 Founded a medical college for nurses

An advocate for patient safety

Her pledge is still used in nursing schools at graduation.



MY TIMELINE

1990 Graduated from Hodgson Vo-Tech as a Cosmetologist and worked at a nursing home doing hair

During employment at the nursing home developed a love for healthcare with the geriatric population

Decided to go to school to obtain my CNA and became an aide at a pediatric medical daycare.

1998 Obtained my LPN from Salem Community College in NJ

1999 went back to school to obtain my RN at Del-tech

Started working at Al DuPont Hospital for Children in 2000 a level I trauma center

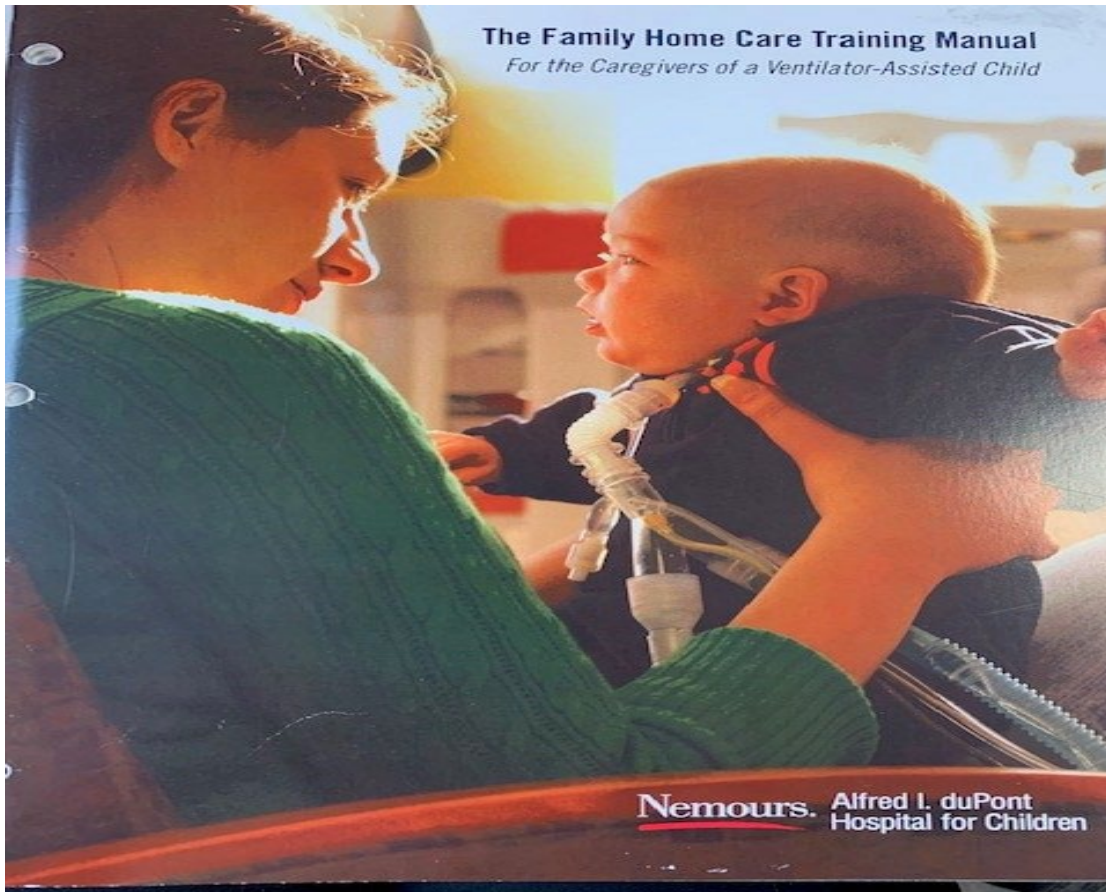
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TIMELINE CONT.



My timeline

- 2000-Started on a critical care step-down as a staff nurse
- 2004 won “Preceptor of the Year” award for educating staff members.
- 2005 became the Asst Nurse Mgr. for that unit
- 2006 Lead a workgroup to develop an education manual for parents of children that had to become TV dependent, and this manual won an award for Interdisciplinary relationships and is now used all over the hospital to educate parents.
- 2009 became the Nurse Mgr. for that unit
- 2011 back to bedside nursing in the PACU
- 2012 obtained my BSN at WilmU
- 2013 worked in the ER PT as Forensic nurse examiner
- 2021 left the hospital after 21 yrs to become a clinical educator at a Pediatric home care company
- 2023 Obtained my MSN with an Education track at WilmU

MY “WHY”

After 21 years in a level one trauma center, I saw the worst of the worst when it comes to children. There were some days that were hard, but the good days ALWAYS outweighed the bad days.

To be able to see a child come in through the ER maybe after a car accident and not be able to walk due to a brain injury and a few weeks, maybe months later that child walks out of the hospital makes it all worth it as a nurse.

It is also important to remain involved in the community whether that be a local nursing association, or an outreach program, the only way change will happen in nursing is to advocate for our patients. Joined DNA and wrote an article for their editorial that will be published in December.

Nurses are so needed. You can choose your specialty and there are so many to choose from. Can join a NR program right out of nursing school either in the hospital or home care.

There are so many reasons to become a pediatric nurse, but there are also things to consider as a nurse such as:

Ethics

Culture

Beliefs




MY “WHY”

Some of the conditions of the clients could be:

- Diabetes
- Brain injury
- Respiratory disease requiring a trach and vent to survive
- Genetic mutation causing seizures
- Cerebral palsy
- Spinal cord injury
- Injury due to abuse



If you fail, never give up because
F.A.I.L means
“**F**irst **A**ttempt **I**n **L**earning”
- End is not the end, in fact
E.N.D means
“**E**fforts **N**ever **D**ies”
- If you get No as an answer,
Remember N.O means
“**N**ext **O**pportunity”.
So Let’s be positive.
- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



CHALLENGES FOR A PEDIATRIC NURSE

As a pediatric nurse, it is hard to see children hurt but the positive outcomes are what makes our jobs worth it.

Nursing interventions that influence healthcare outcomes for individuals, populations, or systems is what must drive the nursing practice and with not having enough nurses for the number of patients, this affects the quality-of-care you are providing.

As nurses assume increasing responsibility for patient care in various settings, the combination of increased clinical and systems knowledge continues to evolve. Meaning you must always be learning. Educating yourself with the most recent techniques, data applications, and skills.

Equipment is always changing and evolving so it is important to make sure you keep up with your skills yearly.

SIMULATION LAB



SOME STATS

Nursing is documented as the most trusted profession by the Gallup Poll, for 18 years in a row (Enriquez 2020).

Yet we are in a nursing shortage

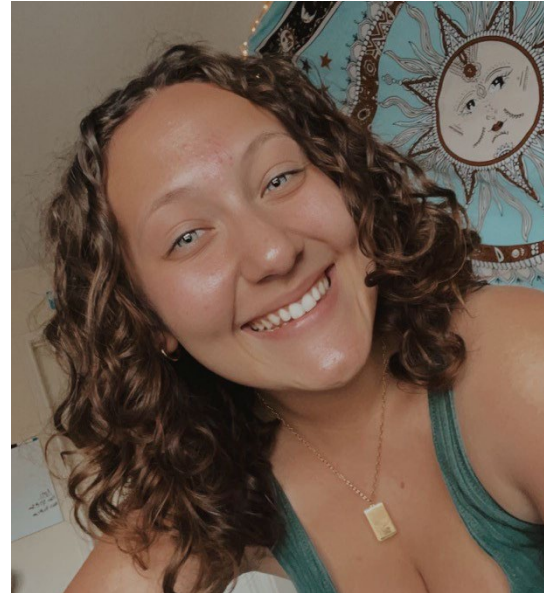
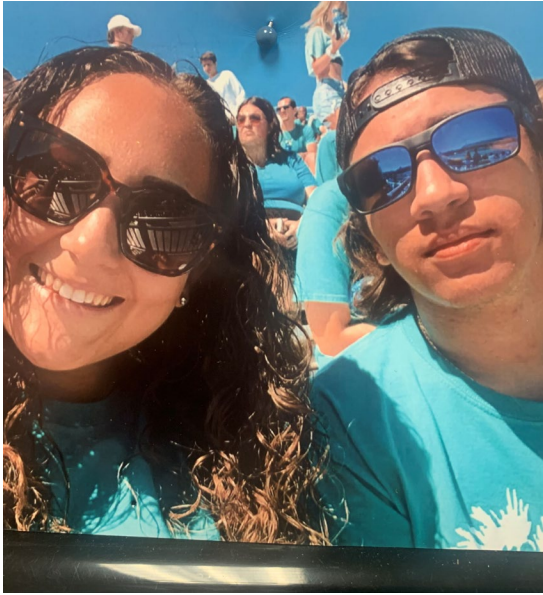
According to the State of the World's Nursing (SOWN) report, there was a global deficit of almost 6 million nurses before the pandemic, and for the next 10 years, one in six nurses in the world is expected to retire. This means that 4.7 million new nurses will have to replace them (Machitidze, 2022).

Think about how this will affect you or your loved ones and the care they will be receiving due to this shortage.

So, what can YOU do to help??

Become a NURSE!





THANK YOU!

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