

One Student's Story

I knew I wanted to be a nurse from the tender age of eight years old. As I went through grade school my desire to pursue my education and become a Registered Nurse never wavered. This provided me with the drive to learn from an early age the importance of study and hard work. A lesson that has been invaluable as I have gone on in all my educational pursuits. In order to have the most well rounded application for University that I could, I volunteered at the Olds Hospital for two years while in High School and following grade twelve I worked as a recreational therapy assistant, a paid position in the long term care wing. I applied to two Universities, both in Edmonton. I was accepted to both the University of Alberta and MacEwan University to their Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Programs. I chose MacEwan and graduated in 2012 with my BScN. Throughout my degree I received a few scholarships, and my tip for all applicants is to apply to all, you never know which ones you will receive.

In 2012 after completing my Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and writing of the Canadian Registered Nurses Exam, I could finally call myself an RN. Goal achieved. Since that accomplishment I have worked on a Gyne/GeneralSurgery step down unit in Edmonton, a hospice palliative unit, rural acute care in Rocky Mountain House, and most recently as a Patient Care Coordinator (charge nurse) in the Sechelt Hospital Emergency Department. I hold a specialty certificate in Emergency Nursing from the University of Northern British Columbia, and Hope to begin my Masters of Nursing Education with a focus in leadership in the Fall of 2024. Twelve years and counting of an amazing career. - Laura Hallman (Palin).