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**Personal Statement**

 My interest in nursing dates back to my early teenage years. I witnessed a home birth of my sister in law who is of blessed memory at home with only her mom and me as both doctor and nurse. It was the day when my life and thoughts will change to pursuing a career in nursing. I envision myself not only working as a nurse, but educating future nurses.

The following quote from Florence Nightingale is, in my opinion, the ethos of the nursing profession: “I think one’s feelings waste themselves in words; they ought all to be distilled in to actions and into actions which bring results.” But actions can be slowed when barriers are present. If I could do anything without barriers, it would be to improve the overall nursing profession. I am grateful to be in such a profession to exhibit my knowledge whiles helping others.