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 Finishing my AAS and getting my degree was a great accomplishment to me. Going back to school and getting my BSN was done only because I had to. I was not aware of how rich the program was and important it would be for me to get my BSN. It was a completely new experience for me. The program was different from both my expectations and my previous studies. I learned community nursing is much more then what it seems, and a nurse in the community not only helps the patient in the hospital, but out in the field as well. Going out in the community and seeing what people are faced with and being able to help them is a game changer for me. I was shocked to see the burden community nurses are faced with and how much they can do for the client in that setting. Especially when the community is underserved and when resources are very limited.

Advocating for those dependent on nurses in general, and in the community in particular, was another part of the community nursing I had not seen before my experience in this clinical. Those nurses are the link between the system and the client. Without community nurses fighting to give the people a voice, they wouldn’t receive proper care, information, and resources.

In general, the BSN program gave me a deeper look into the world of nursing and I feel that I gained more skills and knowledge to better serve the people. It also gave me the strength and resilience I needed to be able to do my job in the best way possible. I am more confident now, and less selfish. I am willing to give more of my time to my profession, and the people that need my help.