

## **Graduate Admission Statement**

The stereotypes of ethnicity, race, class and origin have existed for decades. As a young black woman being raised in a single parent household and living within the Bedford Stuyvesant community, this would only add to the common misconceptions. At a very young age I adopted the mind-set, “survival of the fittest”. Determined not to become a statistic of society, I focused my attention on academic achievement. That goal may have seemed somewhat daunting when I became pregnant with my son at the age of 19. To make matters worse, a tragic event rendered the father of my child a quadriplegic, needing long-term skilled care. Despite these obstacles, I pushed forward for my success. My new focus of having to provide a future for my son became my crutch to academic achievement. Theorists who believe in the concept “culture of poverty” would have viewed achieving success, under these circumstances, nearly impossible.

It had become clear that during the course of my studies I would pursue a career in Nursing. The profession of nursing, as I viewed then, was a career that would afford me the opportunity to be able to financially provide for my son. In addition, it was a career with many different avenues that would offer a broad scope of practice. The challenges in becoming a nurse, and the unforeseen challenges that I had already encountered, fueled my inner hunger to achieve my goals for academic success. I would begin my journey the spring semester in January 2009 with acceptance to New York City College of Technology’s, Nursing Program.

My vision of nursing thus far has evolved. Nothing is more rewarding than bringing forth change in the lives of those I encounter. Recipients of healthcare are culturally diverse, migrating from various origins, seeking care for a multitude of reasons. Nurses, as change agents, are influential in health outcomes to these individuals. It is nursing care that strengthens educational knowledge, clinically renders supportive care and on a whole advocates for health and well-being. These concepts will be influential in constituting change within the division of healthcare for years to come.

The evolution of healthcare has been a dynamic process including scientific, economic, technologic and sociologic aspects that involve individuals across an array of professions. Within the healthcare hierarchy, nurses continue to remain influential in their focus on aggregate health. In pursuing a Master of Science degree, my academic goals are to continue advancing my clinical skills and acquiring an expert knowledge base. This will enable me to become an independent healthcare practitioner. My professional focus will be geared towards rendering care that is both holistic and culturally sensitive amongst diverse populations. I hope to bring forth in my profession a refined level of care that is both supportive and healing. Ultimately, I intend to strive to provide cost-sensitive-care that will help my patients maintain a state of healthy living, increasing life expectancy and overall wellbeing. I inspire that in obtaining these skills I can work with other healthcare professionals to close the gap to today’s health care crisis.