**Learning Self Analysis**

 With the economic downturn and hospitals not hiring new graduate nurses, I was compelled to enroll full-time in the baccalaureate program at New York City College of Technology of spring 2011. Though I was reluctant to sit is a classroom without having a job, I could not help but realize the importance of a bachelor’s degree in nursing. Having reached this far, I can say that the program has provided me with deeper skills that have enriched my professional development. These skills have been developed through the study of physical assessment, social sciences, nursing research, nursing leadership and management, end-of-life patient care, and community and public health nursing.

 Presently, I feel confident and equipped to better understand the social, cultural, economic and political issues that will impact healthcare delivery at any healthcare setting. I feel a greater level of certainty that my higher education completion has increased my chance of finding work. Having done my bachelors I feel hopeful that I will gain credibility and respect because of my ability to make a greater significant contribution of ideas in my immediate environment on a daily basis. Indeed, I have gained the aptitudes to write more effectively and convincingly. I am better able to fashion a supported valid argument. Moreover, I have grown mentally stronger knowing that I can face overwhelming tasks and challenges without fear.

Finally, in the bachelor’s program I met many experienced nurses and friendly, supportive classmates who had a positive effect on my future outlook. The professors were very understanding and approachable. I feel like I have been treated like a person rather than a number. With all that I have experience for the two years; I therefore recommend higher learning to all nurses which should be at the New York City College of Technology.