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Since I was a little girl, caring for others has always been a passion of mine. As I grew older, I began watching shows involving hospitals such as Grey's Anatomy, Chicago Med, and ER. The career that interests me the most is a Trauma Hospital Registered Nurse.

Several reasons I want to become a Trauma Hospital RN are difficult situations, new cases everyday, a fast pace, the interesting skills applied, and diagnosing patients. Being in difficult situations means thinking on the fly. In the Emergency Room, new cases come in everyday. The pace is fast and exhilarating. I am intrigued by the skills used to insert central lines, assess wounds, intubate, and determine whether the patient is in need of surgery. I picked this career because I'm interested in diagnosing patients based on their symptoms and treating all types of injuries.

Sometimes interruptions come along when working towards an accomplishment. For me, procrastination has been a hurdle I am working to overcome each day. Being in college pushes you to do your work on your own and set deadlines. Along with procrastination comes my struggle with time management. As I write this essay, a personal goal of mine is to plan to overcome my issue with procrastination. Being an honor student and having been involved in extracurricular activities since elementary school, I've always had many tasks to complete.

Another possible obstacle is my being unaware of all the opportunities that are out there. Recently I wrote an essay on a topic I didn't know much about and I received first place. This proves to me that if I seek out contests or look for activities that will benefit my academic career, I will achieve great things. And finally, now that I am a junior in high school, I am more aware of the money aspect of life. I have been very fortunate growing up, and for that my mom reassures me that working hard pays off overtime. Having a family and being a present mother in my kid's lives is something I've dreamed of being a part of. I will have to make the decision of whether having a career or being a full time mom is right for me. Along with responsibility comes decisions and planning what I need to decide will help.

Nothing gets done without a plan. Not long ago, I was accepted into the Southwest Tech Nursing Assistant program. This is the first step in achieving my dream. I plan to take the job seriously and make it my goal to give the best care I can each day. I will become a CNA before receiving my high school diploma; therefore, graduating with course work corresponding to an RN.

Because of COVID-19, volunteering at hospitals is not as safe, or allowed, as in past years. Physically being in the hospital is a great experience not just for hopes of becoming an RN, but the exposure to different people. After graduating high school, I plan to apply and be admitted to a university that has a respected Nursing Program. For example, Viterbo University has one of the greatest nursing programs in the Midwest. Through these and other plans, I will achieve my goal.

Writing this essay, I've put into words my next steps to achieving my dream career.