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I will be a recent graduate of the practical nursing (LPN) program, through Northwest Technical College, upon completion of my practicum ending July 29, 2011. I have been accepted into the registered nursing program and plan to work as a LPN, to gain experience, as I continue on in my education. Eventually, my plans are to acquire my Masters of Science in Nursing.

A career in nursing is my passion. Over the years of working in long-term care, I have been able to expand and develop my knowledge and interpersonal skills through my interactions with residents and co-workers. I want to continue this educational growth by going to school and maturing in this practice.

I know that there is a growing need for advanced practice nurses in the long-term care setting. One of my instructors told my class that in the city of Bemidji, there is only one working advanced practice nurse specially trained in geriatric care and only a couple hundred across the United States. With aging of the baby boomer population, these numbers won't suffice. I feel that since my passion for healthcare started in long-term care, I need to continue, develop, and contribute to this love that I have already rooted.

Making a positive impact in the lives of the residents I serve is not a difficult feat. For me, getting a smile from someone shows me that I've made a difference and getting to know a resident as an individual is how I show that I care. More often than not, it is they who have made a greater impact in my life than me to theirs. It is this devotion to my work that motivates me to do my absolute best in school so that I can continue advancing in a career that I love.