

Raeann Rorie – nursing

Why did you choose your degree program? How has it helped you grow personally and professionally?

After working as a nurse in the NICU for a year, I decided to get my bachelor's in nursing. I wanted to further my education and my career. Gaining my bachelor's in nursing has helped me gain more knowledge and be more confident in who I am as a nurse. It has also helped open doors and opportunities professionally as I have been able to network and experience new things through practicum.

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?

I am proudest of my final practicum project. I was able to propose a new protocol where I currently work to promote safety and decrease medical errors. I was able to collaborate with multiple leaders within my unit and gain leadership experience.

If you could go back in time, what advice would you give your first-year self?

I would tell myself that it will go by a lot faster than you think and that it will be so worth it.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

What helped me the most on the journey were the incredible professors in the nursing program. They were always helpful and encouraging. I didn't just feel like a number in an online class. I felt like they truly knew who I was and wanted to see me succeed.

What's next after graduation?

After graduation, I will be continuing to work as a bedside nurse in the NICU with plans to get my master's at some point in the future.