

Ryan Rademaker – nursing management and administration

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

Southern Illinois Healthcare has an ongoing partnership with McKendree. When I began exploring graduate studies, I spoke with several colleagues about the McKendree program. Everyone enjoyed their learning experience and their relationships with the nursing faculty.

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

I am proud of the learning and growth that I have achieved during my studies and even more proud of the relationships and connections that I have made over the past few years.

Who helped you the most on your journey?

It definitely takes a village. My wife has always been my rock. My family has been supportive and understanding. My colleagues at SIH have been wonderful as well. I have learned so much from so many people from interviews to clinical hours. I am truly blessed.

What's next after graduation?

Enjoying time with my family and friends. I hope I will soon have an opportunity to “pay it forward” with any nurses looking to pursue graduate studies.