

## **Follow-up to Career Pathway Assessment paper**

As I began to write this paper, I reflected upon my accomplishments both from an educational and a professional perspective. Upon beginning the program, my educational goals were quite simple. I wanted to become more comfortable writing and expressing my thoughts and ideas, to become proficient with APA formatting, and research skills to aid in influencing practice changes with evidence based information. I very happy to say I have accomplished all of these goals through the BSN program. I have had many writing assignments that required all the skills of the goals I had set. Coworkers in my department ask for my help regularly to assist them with finding information on clinical topics. I have presented education to the staff in my department on several topics based on evidence based practice information. Retrospectively, I could have set many more goals and met them with the assignments from the BSN program. I have improved in my practice, communication, teaching skills, research skills, and became more culturally sensitive and competent.

Professionally, the goals I set were to be promoted to a higher level of leadership in my department and to be on the Joint Commission Prep committee. I have currently accomplished the goal of being on the Joint Commission Prep committee and helped ready my department for our Joint Commission visit. I have not been promoted at this time and I am no longer sure I want a managerial role. I want my leadership role in my practice environment to continue to be one of patient advocacy and to influence changes in perioperative care practices to improve patient safety. My new goals are to explore different avenues in nursing such as being a nurse educator, infection control nurse, or participate and audit for quality measures.