Personal Statement

Your Name (First M. Last)

School or Institution Name (University at Place or Town, State)

**Statement of Purpose.**

After completing my masters in Nursing Education, I set another goal to complete The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) (“Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program (AG-ACNP),” 2014). I desire to broaden my horizon of knowledge and I will still use my educational skills to teach future nurses, conduct research inside and outside the classroom, and can contribute to the improvement of nursing education. Through ACNP I will be promoted for maintaining and restoring health of adults who are acutely and critically ill. I will be able to use my critical care nursing knowledge in nursing practice. I believe that it is time to advance my nursing knowledge as a practitioner.

Over the past 29 years, my journey has been circuitous at best. It has carried me through many institutions and job opportunities, presenting the chance to work in various areas of nursing that is from working in a nursing home as a nurse’s aide to working as a critical care nurse. In addition, I am a registered nurse with over 29 years of nursing experience. I have spent 17 years in ICU/CCU settings in prestigious teaching hospitals in Houston, Texas. I have acquired a lot of knowledge through continuous education, participating in research and using state-of-the-art equipment. My specialties include coronary care, intensive care, medical/surgical patients, coronary artery disease, essential/malignant hypertension and all other heart problems (Price & Price, 2011).

Besides, I am proficient in patient and family education in my role as a clinical practitioner. I instruct student nurses, doing clinical rotations in my hospital unit, and I also participate in adjusting newly-hired nurses in my unit. As a resources nurse, I also teach seasoned nurses about the use of new forms and equipment. I am one of the evaluators for the CHI Baylor St Luke's medical center, Houston Texas, for the hospital-wide code validation and nursing competency evaluation every year.

I am a member of AACN (membership #12384090) (“American Association of Critical-Care Nurses - AACN,” n.d.). My experience has guided me to improve as a nurse and to the role that research plays toward the end. Completing a master's degree will improve my own proficiency in acute care nursing so that I can bridge the gap between research and practice.

Seven years after receiving my associate’s degree and after completing my prerequisites, I enrolled in a four-year college for my BSN (which I also completed while raising three children and working full-time). Now that all my three children have graduated from college, I believe that it is time for me to pursue my career goal and achieve my dream of becoming ACNP. I am more determined than ever to succeed in this program. I have good time management skills, as well as research skills; I am self-motivated, with excellent social skills as well as organizational skills for time management in graduate school.

I will continue to participate in my community’s health awareness programs. Every year my church hosts a medical mission in southwest Houston, where we treat and teach people regarding healthcare. We educate people about several diseases. We have doctors who do free consultations. Some of the people also get free medications. As ACNP, I hope to continually make decisions that positively impact my patient’s health.

After graduating from this program, l will be allowed to be a well-rounded advance practice nurse. The most effective nurse is those who always learn. The rewards are immersed by earning a master's degree; I aim to challenge myself with new experiences that will strengthen my background professionally. Given the opportunity to join the program, I will be able to achieve my career goal as an acute care nurse practitioner. In a few years, I see myself working as an advanced practice nurse.

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