

## Graduate Statement of Purpose

I firmly believe that the health of family units and productivity of communities are directly related to the health of individual women. Empowering women with effective and efficient health care is a passion of mine. I am pursuing my graduate education in women's health because I want to promote and foster the well-being of women. This can only be achieved through the provision of excellent, personalized, service-oriented, evidence-based, innovative, and high-quality health care.

My personal life experiences as a woman and mother have directly demonstrated the importance and value of quality women's health care while my professional experience as a women's health care provider has fueled my desire to serve women, especially the most vulnerable populations, with compassionate and high-quality care. I first began my professional practice as a women's health care provider while serving my community through employment with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. I provided care for the exceptionally vulnerable population of female inmates at Vista Detention Facility. I was limited and constrained in my ability to provide the highest quality and most dynamic care in that health system which is why I pursued employment as a perinatal nurse (L&D, Postpartum, Antepartum) with Providence St. Joseph Medical Center. I enjoy the most fulfilling care provider experience I can imagine serving women in this field of health care. I know that my foundational dedication and passion to serve my patients is what makes a difference in the quality of care I provide. I want to further my education and scope of practice in women's health care so that I may enjoy the opportunity to provide even more dynamic and influential care for women.

I have formally studied multiple fields of education and achieved several degrees in accounting, website development, information systems, general studies for transfer to a CSU, and nursing. I am a honors society member in the National Society for Leadership and Success. I have been awarded the Providence Health Services Scholarship Endowment for Nursing Students. I have received a letter of recognition for my academic zeal from Dr. Diane Van Hook, Chancellor at College of the Canyons. I have had the opportunity to participate in community service with College of Canyons Center for Early Childhood Education and with the American Red Cross. I am a professional affiliate of the Association of California Nurse Leaders, the American Nurses Association, and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. I take every professional and academic endeavor to heart and hope to represent San Diego State University in a positive nature through my personal, professional, and academic dedication to excellence.

SDSU offers the ideal setting to pursue a graduate education in nursing because the mission of this program is to improve the health and well-being of California people and beyond. My goal for participation in this program is to be prepared to lead and transform nursing care in a rapidly changing, diverse and complex health care environment. I believe the outstanding educators, campus resources, respected reputation, community partnerships, and dedication to excellence and innovation offered at SDSU will offer me the opportunities for success I desire and I look forward to representing this institution as a student with pride.

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