

MY CAREER PATH STORY



Patient Care Associate to Doctor of Nursing Practice



**HAMPDEN COUNTY
WORKFORCE BOARD**



I completed my degrees and/or certification in this order:

- Patient Care Associate (PCA)
- Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA)
- Registered Nurse (BSN)
- Oncology Nurse Certification
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

I received my high school diploma and started nursing school to obtain a Bachelor's of Science in the field of Nursing. In my sophomore year of college, I got my certification to be a Nurse's Assistant in Massachusetts, and I expect to graduate with my Nursing degree in May of 2019

I currently work at Cooley Dickenson Hospital as a patient care associate. During a typical day at work, I assisting patients with hygiene, mobility and take their vital signs.

I enjoy watching my patients make progress back toward their baseline functioning and making people laugh on possibly what can be the worst day of their lives.

In the future, I would like to become a Nurse Practitioner who specializes in pediatric oncology. I plan to accomplish this goal by becoming a nurse on the pediatric unit and obtaining an oncology nurse certification, then completing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.

