

MY CAREER PATH STORY



**HAMPDEN COUNTY
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PhD in Nursing



I completed my degrees and certifications in this order:

- Associate Degree in Liberal Arts, 2013
- Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing (BSN), 2016
- Currently, BSN to PhD program

I went back to school at the age of 42 because I wanted to be a nurse. I first earned an AS degree in Liberal Arts in 2013. I was accepted into the nursing program in 2013 and completed the program in 2015. I then decided I needed to further my degree because I wanted to be able to apply for jobs in management. I was accepted to UMASS to earn my BSN. I completed that degree in 2016 and earned the Diversity Award. Two very special Professors saw more potential in me and recognized I had the ability to change lives and encouraged me to apply to the BSN to PhD program. I gave it some thought and after two years of contemplation, I knew that was my destiny. I applied and was accepted into the program in 2018. I started in that Fall. It hasn't been an easy task but nothing worth having comes easy.

I am currently enrolled at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the PhD program. This is the path I must travel to obtain my goal of advancing nursing. My current goal is to attain my PhD to help advance the field of nursing and improve healthcare outcomes for patients. I currently work at the Chapin Center. My typical workday includes assessing and educating my patients, and giving medications. I enjoy making a difference in a patient or their family lives and helping patients function at their highest ability to achieve activities of daily living.

