My philosophy for Nursing is shaped by my growing appreciation of life. As I acquire new knowledge and skills through my education and work experience, I further understand the need to share my talents with others. These experiences allow me to grow as a more interactive person and thus led me to a desire of working in a setting where I directly impact the lives of others. I have learned how to adjust to new settings and how help can be given in a variety of ways. I am especially communicative, organized, and dedicated in my work. Most importantly I am becoming a leader and decision-maker, two of the most important qualities required for a nursing career. I am now looking to apply these skills in fitting environments with people every day in order to become a more diverse individual in my nursing career.  
 **Related Work Experience:**

**Bickford Senior Living of Crystal Lake**  September 2019 (CNA)-August 2020 (LPN)-Present)

**Licensed Practical Nurse, CNA**  717 McHenry Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Bickford places an emphasis on retaining family-quality care through several core principles. As a “Family Member”, I was as much a family member as I was a nurse for the residents of the facility. I cared for residents in assisted living and memory care/dementia units with varying levels of care working along with therapy and hospice groups. I started working as an CNA at this same facility in August 2019 until I earned my LPN in July 2020.

**Ignite Medical Resort of McHenry** December 2020-Present

**Licensed Practical Nurse**  550 Ridgeview Dr. McHenry, IL 60050

Ignite is the first place I was able to practice in-depth nursing. My abilities were tested and my passion for care was uplifted. I worked along with non-medical staff in an experimental environment that blended luxury and effective nursing care. While this meant there were many obstacles, the experience has shown me that nursing is all about learning and adapting during every shift. I improved my post-acute skills, gained new pharmacological knowledge and insight, and experienced working while being overwhelmed with the developing facility and still providing the best care I could.

**Volunteer Experiences**Walter Lawson’s Children’s Home Donation Drives (Dec. 2018)  
Alignment Expo Rockford Career Fair-Nurses’ Booth (July 2019)

Activities & Events with Bickford Senior Living Residents (2019-2020)

**Notable Skills/Strengths:**-Leadership  
-Teamwork  
-Communication  
-Memory Care  
-Technology/Computers  
-Mechanical Lifts  
-Patient Safety  
-Computer & Paper Charting  
--COVD testing

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-Adaptability  
-Organization  
-Persistence  
-Pharmacology  
-Patience  
-Priority Setting  
-Holistic Care

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**Education:**  
Harper College 1200 W Algonquin Rd, Palatine, IL 60067  
Licensed Practical Nurse Program Graduated June 2020  
Currently Enrolled in Bridge to RN Program 2020-2021

**CPR/AED/BLS Certified  
Licensed Practical Nurse**