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Reviewing my goals from the beginning of the program has allowed me to understand my growth and development as a nurse since then. I started my bachelor's program as a student nurse with no prior medical experience. Now that I have been a registered nurse for almost one year I understand much more and have changed many of my goals.

Educational goals

My educational goals, to obtain my associate's and bachelor's degree in nursing, were met. I finished my associate's degree program in December 2019 and will finish my bachelor's program in December 2020. I did not start my nursing career off in the operating room environment that I believed I would. I instead started off my career on a cardiac specialty unit that occasionally has medical surgical patients. The growth I have experienced by working in on a cardiac floor has given me a new outlook on nursing.

Looking Forward

I mentioned the possibility of becoming a professor of nursing after I had a few years of floor nursing under my belt, in my first paper. This has changed as I experienced the full capacity of nurse practitioners in the hospital setting. I plan on being a floor nurse for at least 5 years before I go back for my master's degree. I am currently planning that when I return to school it will be for a degree as a nurse practitioner.