



**Department of Nursing**

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT NURSING AS YOUR MAJOR?**

Nursing is a great career choice! Nurses work in hospitals, clinics, communities, insurance agencies, mental health agencies, world health organizations, and much, much more! Nurses have great incomes and a wonderful quality of life. Consider nursing for your career... this is why others have.



**ANDREW POULIOT** was a freshman this year at BSU and plans to apply fall 2008 to the 4-Year Track nursing program.

**Q:** *How did you decide on nursing for a career choice? What influenced your decision to become an RN?*

While in the army I worked at an Army Clinic at Camp Mackall, NC, near Ft. Bragg. While I was assigned there I worked as an EMT driving an ambulance evacuating patients/soldiers to the main post hospital or brought them to the flight line to be air evacuated if serious and time required. Also, I assisted the Physician Assistant who was in charge of the clinic. I would give IVs when needed and helped in stabilizing soldiers who had most often major trauma or heat strokes.

**Q:** *Why did you choose Bemidji State University for your education?*

I picked BSU because it is in Northern Minnesota. Also I had friends in the area. It was the first and only campus I looked at when being discharged from the service.

**Q:** *What are your career aspirations?*

To become a flight nurse in either the Bemidji area or move back to Colorado and be a flight nurse in the mountains where I lived before.



**KARLA PULA** was a freshman this year at BSU and plans to apply fall 2008 to the 4-Year Track nursing program.

**Q:** *How did you decide on nursing for a career choice?*

Growing up with nursing in my family, I was always used to instant care and comfort. To have the gift of helping others is what I strive for. I do believe to be a good nurse, it takes great compassion and affection towards those whom you help. That is the kind of person I want to be. During my last two years of high school, I worked as a CNA (certified nursing assistant). From the experience I had of being a CNA, it inspired me to want to become a nurse. My goal at Bemidji State University is to eventually become a successful pediatric/obstetric nurse, where I can take care of little ones and their moms every day of my working career.

**Q:** *Why did you choose Bemidji State University for your education?*

I chose Bemidji State University for my education because I felt it suited me the best. I was unsure as to where I wanted to go to college, until I found out that BSU was offering a 4-year track nursing program. I then instantly knew BSU was where I was meant to go. My decision to attend Bemidji State University seemed to make the most sense. Bemidji was close enough to family, not too big, had a beautiful view on the lake, and offered an excellent program for nursing which I knew I could not pass up.

**Q:** *In your opinion, what do you think is the best part of being in the nursing profession?*

I think the best part about being in the nursing profession is the ability to witness the blessing you are upon those people whom you have helped. To know you are making a difference in someone's life is the true reward of being a nurse. Nursing can take you anywhere, from the hospital, to the playgrounds, or to right at home. The skills you learn are applied anywhere and anytime. A nurse is not just a job when the scrubs are on at work, to be a true nurse, there is always room for caring and compassion towards others. Nursing comes from the heart. Not only is there a high demand and the pay is good, nursing can be an essential part of living.



**THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING AT BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY**

would like to introduce our 4-Year Track for students coming to BSU and wanting to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing. Some of the highlights of our program:

**NEW LAB FACILITY** to open in spring semester 2009.

**TECHNOLOGY LITERACY** including the use of PDA's and nursing classrooms that allow students to hook their lap-tops up at the desk.

**COURSE WORK EMPHASIZING** family health, transcultural care, palliative care (pain management), and a strong fundamental nursing foundation.

**RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES** for a nursing learning community.



**COLLEEN MCKAY** is a freshman planning to apply to the 4-Year Track program fall 2008 semester.

**Q:** *How did you decide on nursing for a career choice?*

I decided to become a nurse because I am very interested in both the science and healing components of the profession. I look forward to getting to work with people and make a difference as well as learning more about the human body and how it works.

**Q:** *Why did you choose Bemidji State University for your education?*

I chose Bemidji State University for my nursing education because I really liked the nursing faculty. I also liked BSU because I can play basketball here at a division 2 level while getting my four-year degree. Not many colleges offer this opportunity!

**Q:** *In your opinion, what do you think is the best part of being in the nursing profession?*

There are so many great things about being in the nursing profession! One of the best things is that when you are a nurse, you know you have a purpose in life. Every day, you are helping others stay get/stay healthy and improve their quality of life. There are so many opportunities to learn, expand, and advance as a nurse... I can't wait!



**ANDREW MACH** started at BSU fall semester 2007. He is excited about the program and the new opportunities that come with a nursing education.

**Q:** *How did you decide on nursing for a career choice?*

During my senior year of high school I wanted to be a full-time firefighter. My first year of college I went to Hennepin Technical College and took some firefighting courses and also took the EMT course. During the EMT class I became very interested in everything medical and decided that is kind of what I wanted to get into. I then got onto my local ambulance service and really enjoyed that also. I considered being a Paramedic but I changed my mind and decided to go to school to be an RN.

**Q:** *Why did you choose Bemidji State University for your education?*

I really like the smaller school atmosphere and when I came here for my college visit I really liked the campus. Also, when I heard of a new nursing program starting up I thought it would be my best opportunity to get the best and most updated education possible.

**Q:** *In your opinion, what do you think is the best part of being in the nursing profession?*

I get to be around people all of the time which is something I really enjoy doing. I also feel like I am making a difference in people's lives. I also enjoy the security of knowing once I graduate from college there will be great jobs available and my options will be unlimited.

**INFORMATION REQUEST**

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I am interested in Nursing for a major and would like to meet with a nursing faculty.

Yes  No

Or e-mail the department office at [merickson@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:merickson@bemidjistate.edu)

*Thank You!*  
**FOR YOUR INTEREST!**

