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My name is Hanh Masoumi. I currently work as a LVN at Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville, Texas. Before I worked at Hendrickson I was the school nurse at Delco Primary. I love being a school nurse, it is an immensely rewarding career. I enrolled in Excelsior College because I could maintain my current employment with Pflugerville ISD and open the door to advancement opportunities by furthering my education and becoming a Registered Nurse.

Continuing my education and improving my knowledge and skills are dreams and goals of mine. However, in order to cover tuition costs and have the flexibility to keep up with my current job, family and school, I had to choose an option to make it all possible to pursue my dreams. After finishing the LVN program at Austin Community College I learned that I could become a RN through Excelsior College, I was very excited to start this online program to achieve my goals. As much as the online courses are challenging and require a great deal of study and effort to move forward, the Excelsior College program gives me the opportunity to study at any time of the day based on my availability. This flexibility really makes a tremendous impact on my ability to maintain balance with my work, school and family.

The online competency based program gives me this opportunity to keep my professional job and study at the same time. The courses require that I read and study material from nursing books and journals. Classes also have a discussion board component where students post responses to clinical scenarios which are graded by their professors. The responses are on a blackboard format where classmates also review the submissions and provide feedback. The quizzes and tests are comprised of NCLEX level questions which are both challenging and beneficial to strengthen the critical thinking skills necessary to pass the licensing exam.

Through different classes, study guides, discussions between other students and professors, research papers as well as reading many updated articles and online resources, I have improved in my critical thinking skills and knowledge of nursing. The Excelsior College program has helped to improve my knowledge and develop the skills necessary to provide high-quality nursing care based on theories and principles as well as through learning in the professional nursing program with the other students in my classes.

Achieving the degree of Registered Nurse will benefit me personally by giving me a sense of personal pride, greater self-confidence, and the knowledge that my license as a Registered Nurse is highly respected. My degree will also increase job opportunities and income potential which will allow me to focus on having just one job and enjoying more time with my family.

Sincerely,

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