



Biography

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I was called to be a nurse during my senior year in high school. I simply woke up one morning knowing that I was supposed to be a nurse; up till the day before I had planned on becoming an English teacher. I am the only nurse in a large family of teachers.

The Air Force paid my way through nursing school in Portland, Oregon. So, after college, I moved to Texas to be a nurse at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. I love the state; when I left the Air Force after six years, I stayed in Texas.

While I was in school in Portland, I looked at my instructors and knew I was supposed to fill their shoes one day. In the back of my mind, I set the goal to earn my doctoral degree before I turned 50 and become a nursing instructor. I met my goal through determination and hard work.

I have taught at [Tarleton State University](#) since 2007. Teaching students the art and science of nursing is the most wonderful opportunity imaginable. Although my background has been working with the elderly, I teach a variety of courses.

Reaching my goal meant sacrifice for both my children and me, but it has been worth it. Setting goals and reaching them through hard work, dedication, learning through mistakes but never quitting makes reaching the goal all the sweeter.