

Professor and Class,

1. Introduce yourself to your instructor and the rest of the class.

Hello, I am Brandie Ingram and I live in San Antonio, Tx. I am 35 years old and married since 2008. We have 3 children ages 5, 6 and 10. We enjoy going to SeaWorld, hanging out at home, gardening, swimming, and camping!

2. Tell us about yourself and your personal interests.

I have been a nurse since 2008 and prior to that I was an aide since 2003 for the same hospital I am currently working in. I have worked on many different floors including med/surg, tele, oncology, ER holds, and rehab. In 2011, I changed to prn status after having my son and have been prn/contract since then. I float from floor to floor everyday but stay within the same hospital. This has given me a wide range of skills.

3. Why did you choose to be a Nurse Practitioner?

I chose to become a Nurse Practitioner because I felt it was time to increase my responsibility as a healthcare professional. After being a floor nurse for many years, I needed a change and thought that this was a great way to stay in healthcare but also care for my patients in a more productive way. I am hoping to work in a clinic where I see the same patients routinely and get to know each and every one of them on a more personal basis. As a nurse in the hospital, we only know our patients for a few short hours or days. Having a good line of communication and a trusting relationship with my patients is a goal that I will accomplish.

4. What are your feelings about prescribing medications in your new role?

Currently, the thought of prescribing medications is extremely frightening but also exciting at the same time. Prescribing the wrong medication can be life threatening but at the same time, prescribing the right medication can be lifesaving. As I continue on my path of learning to become an NP, I am hoping I will become more comfortable and confident with the idea of prescribing medications.