

MY EXPERIENCE AS A NURSING STUDENT



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The main reason for any student to go to college is to further their studies, to achieve a diploma or a degree level in whichever field they are interested in. For me however, more than anything it was because I wanted to change myself. Until then I had been completely reliant of my parents, so I wanted to truly become an individual who is self-reliant and who is mature enough to handle her problems on her own.

At first it was tiring going to college, the way in which you grow up and mature or lose yourself but I believe it is something you just can't find out without going to college. Add it to the fact being away from parents, it gets lonesome and getting used to a new environment is always a tough task, allowing yourself to come out of shell and getting to know others, at times I get like giving up but I preserved. I had to balance my studies with the other aspects of college and have achieved the best academically.

While studying for a diploma in nursing, some might think it might all be about learning the aspect of human body and medical sciences. It's far from the reality though for my college experience was filled with various activities. From clubs and their activities to community services and getting to experiences the real world. Having to deal with different types of people and learning how to act in different situation was something I have gained during these days. Having support from colleagues and kind doctors and nurses I was able to find out a part of who I am today and I am sure I'll continue to discover more.

My most favorite part of my college life was the practical training we had. It gave an idea of what

we have to deal with in our career as a nurse. Learning theories on how to perform and what to do in an emergency is vastly different than actually knowing what to do in a real situation. I am extremely grateful that the college gave us an idea of how it might be through our simulation training. We had practices at various hospitals not only local but foreign as well.

I believe that every student can achieve their dreams, the way I did if they focus on their future rather than looking back at their past. Facing the obstacles of life is never easy for any one; what we need most is courage and patience. Having self-confidence and trusting that you can do it is critical in moving forward to achieve your dreams.

The three years which I have spent in my college life at the Maldives National University, are days which I will never forget and these experiences are something I will treasure forever. I am proud to have achieved the President's Award for the Highest Grade Point Average in the Diploma in Nursing course. That was my dream come true!