

“THE JOURNEY TO MY GOAL”

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I have always dreamt of becoming a teacher since my childhood. As a kid I used to teach imaginary students using white board and colorful markers. I played the role of both the teacher and student! I was inspired to become a nurse when my mother confessed about her dream of becoming a nurse. Due to personal reasons, she was unable to pursue her dream job. Her eyes would light up every time she talked about her dream, that's what inspired me to become a nurse. Though she works as an administrator in the hospital, she

has very sound knowledge about several nursing procedures and health issues. She helped neighbors, family members and close friends who seek her advice and opinion in health matters. When I saw her passion towards the nursing profession, I decided to follow her footsteps of helping others in need and pursue my career by choosing her dream job of becoming a nurse. That's how my journey towards the nursing profession began.

In 2013, I joined the Advanced Certificate of Nursing Course at the Thinadhoo campus, of the Maldives National University (MNU). My very first Nursing Lecturer was Ms. Jeeza

“*Thasneem’s first journey to the nursing career was at the Thinadhoo Campus. I was her first Nursing School lecturer. Starting from the first class, I have noticed her to be an intelligent student with a big vision. She was a very hardworking and determined girl. She puts every effort into accomplishing her work and is very attentive and persistent in doing everything she does. She was not only good at her theory but also excellent in her practical work. I am delighted and proud to see her professional development and working as my colleague right now. I wish you all the best in every endeavor.*”

*Ms. Jeeza Hassan, Lecturer, Thinadhoo Campus,
School of Nursing, the Maldives National University.*



Hassan. She is one of the finest lecturers I have met, who is such a huge role model and influencer in my whole career. I am forever indebted to her for the strong foundation she laid at the beginning of my nursing career. I still remember the first day at Thinadhoo Campus, when Ms. Jeeza explained about the founder of Nursing, Florence Nightingale. From the first day of college, I decided that my nursing career goal is to be a nurse educator.

The journey towards becoming a nurse was a total new experience for me. Nursing art lab demonstrations, procedures, clinical postings; all of this was formulated in such a way that it grasped all of my batch mates' interests and we were able to gain a lot of new knowledge and information. One of the fondest memories from the Nursing Art lab which I still cherish include learning how to administer injections, especially because we learnt by using an orange. As nursing is a profession (as in many other disciplines) which requires theoretical knowledge and practice, initially this course was very difficult. But after going through every

single obstacle which came through my way, I graduated as an Enrolled Nurse, with flying colors. I still remember the happiness on my mother's face at the Graduation Ceremony held at Dharubaaruge, Male', especially the shine she had in her eyes when I was awarded the first place from the Advanced Certificate in Nursing Course.

After graduating, I started working as an Enrolled Nurse at Kulhudhuffushi Regional Hospital. The main areas where I worked there include, Emergency Department, Dressing room, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), General ward and Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). During my journey at Kulhudhuffushi Regional Hospital, I was able to understand why nurses are trained in a certain way and I was really grateful about the way I have been trained to face the real working life.

After working as an Enrolled Nurse for 1 year, I joined the Diploma in Nursing course at MNU in 2015. It was again a whole new journey with new faces and at a new place. I had always looked forward to the day when I would become a Registered Nurse and was waiting to

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(Thasneem is) “One of the best and enthusiastic nurses we had in CCU who motivates others and take initiative in teaching student nurses. Her presence makes a joyful environment to others. I am excited about the new opportunity you got that with help to build your career in future. Wish you all the best. Keep your face always towards the sunshine and shadow will fall behind you.”

*Ms. Rabia Naeem, Clinical Nurse, Ward Manager
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proudly write my initials as “RN”. I always considered the Diploma Course as a stepping stone towards reaching my biggest goal. The procedures learnt in the Diploma was more advanced than what I learnt in the Advanced Certificate course. Even though this journey

I have met several nursing students who have dreams of becoming nursing lecturers; to all of them I would like to say that “IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, THE PATH OF SUCCESS DOES EXIST”

In this opportunity I would like to thank all my



“She inspired me from the first time I met her herself. She showed me great kindness and supported me to find the light within myself. She allowed me to explore the skills I already had. She motivated and encouraged me so much that I can never thank her enough. She is one of the best mentors I have come across during my learning period. I believe she has played a great role in making me who I am today. She gave me that little push I was definitely in need of. I look up to her so much. She is one of my biggest inspirations.”

Reesham Razeen, Registered Nurse, International Medical and Diagnostic Centre, Addu City; a student who I supervised as a mentor



also was very challenging; after 2.5 years I graduated as a Registered Nurse with flying colors, same as I did during 2013.

Today, when I sit in my cabin as a Nurse Educator, I remember the days when it was just a mere dream of mine. I remember the days where I craved and wished to have a planner, just like the academic planner which Ms. Hafeeza Ibrahim would bring to our classrooms while she was teaching the management subject.

nursing lecturers who have been a great support throughout my whole journey. Each of them has motivated me, in their own unique way to become a lecturer. I believe my success is from Allah SWT, and from the continuous love and support I have received from my family, especially my Mother. I will always be indebted to my lecturers, senior nurses and work colleagues from CCU of IGMH.