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## Personal Statement

I quickly discovered my love for volunteering upon going to college and immersing myself in the community of Farmville. This motivated me to join multiple organizations whose core values reflected service to others. After years of devoting my free time to others, I recognized that connecting with, serving, and meeting new people is really important to me. I went on to work as a camp counselor, as I have also known for quite some time that I want a career that allows me to work with kids. I also began to recognize that I was very interested specifically in medical sciences and psychology through my coursework at Longwood University. My volunteer work, job experiences, and education led me realize that I wanted to pursue nursing.

While already halfway through my biology degree with the original intention of attending medical school, I instead planned on transferring to nursing school. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I was unable to transfer but decided to finish my last year at Longwood to obtain my biology degree. I now plan on working towards a BSN after graduation in hopes of also attending graduate school to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Whenever I have spoken to someone about medical care they have received, they speak very highly about nurses and the passion they have for caring for others. I chose nursing school because those reviews reflect the kind of person I strive to be. I firmly believe that the nursing profession consists of individuals who devote themselves to the community around them and I would love nothing more than to be a part of that.