Tracy

How will you personally be active in policy development in your organization as a BSN nurse ?

Healthcare is currently undergoing some serious redevelopment; nurses can play a large role in the impact of this development by becoming active in policy development. As I graduate and become a baccalaureate prepared nurse, one of the responsibilities that I will hold will be to become active in policy development; by becoming active in policy development I am giving my patients a voice, as well as the nursing profession. I plan on starting this activist role by becoming part of an organization, one year after graduation I can apply to be a part of Sigma Theta Tau, the Nursing Honor Society, and I plan on doing so. By starting at this level, I will connect with other nurses both locally and globally to develop a deeper understanding of the nursing profession, and stay informed on the ever changing practices of nursing and healthcare. Part of policy development is learning what public officials need to be contacted and reaching out to them for support. In being an active member of an organization I can be part of a focus group that compiles the current information needed to support the policy changes and help to contact these persons and present the relevant information. As I develop a deeper understanding of my career and how policy development works I can become active in policy development on a larger scale, city, state, or nationally. Writing letters to the editor, contributing and working for political campaigns, are all ways in which I plan to do so.