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Graduate Statement of Purpose

I firmly believe that the health of family units and productivity of communities are directly related to the health of individual women. Empowering women with effective and efficient health care is a passion of mine. [I am pursuing my graduate education in women's health because I want to promote and foster the well-being of women.] I can only achieve this by providing evidence-based, innovative, and high-quality personalized health care.

My experiences as a woman and mother have demonstrated the importance of quality women's health care, [while my professional experience as a women's health care provider] has fueled my desire to serve women, especially the most vulnerable populations, with compassionate and high-quality care. I first began my professional practice as a women's health care provider through my employment with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. I provided care for the exceptionally vulnerable population of female inmates at Vista Detention Facility. I was limited in terms of my ability to provide the highest-quality and most dynamic care in that system, which is why I pursued employment as a perinatal nurse (L&D, postpartum, antepartum) with Providence St. Joseph Medical Center. I enjoy being a care provider and serving women in this field of health care. I know that my dedication to my patients is what makes a difference in the quality of care I provide. [I want to further my education and scope of practice in women's health care so that I can provide even more dynamic and influential care for women.]

I have formally studied many fields and have achieved several degrees in accounting, website development, information systems, and general studies for transfer to a nursing program. I am an honors society member of the National Society for Leadership and Success. I have been awarded the Providence Health Services Scholarship Endowment for Nursing Students and have also received a letter of recognition from Dr. Diane Van Hook, chancellor at College of the Canyons. I have had the opportunity to participate in community service with the [College of Canyons] Center for Early Childhood Education and with the American Red Cross. I am also a professional affiliate of the Association of California Nurse Leaders, the American Nurses Association, and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. I take every professional and academic endeavor to heart and hope to represent San Diego State University in a positive manner through my personal, professional, and academic dedication to excellence.

SDSU offers the ideal setting to pursue a graduate education in nursing because the mission of this program is to improve the health and well-being [of California people and beyond]. My goal in this program is to prepare to lead and transform nursing care in a rapidly changing, diverse and complex health care environment. I believe the outstanding educators, campus resources, community partnerships, and dedication to excellence and innovation at SDSU will enable me to represent this institution as a student with pride