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my journey into nursing



Katie Korth, BSN, RN

NURSE CASE MANAGER

Katie Korth, BSN, RN, has always loved helping people, so she knew that she wanted a career that would allow her to do that.

That's what led her to a job shadow experience in the health care field – a job shadow experience that would lead to her future career.

“I fell in love with nursing at that time,” Korth said.

Her mind made up after her job shadow experience, Korth went on to get her certified nursing assistant (CNA) license and started looking for nursing programs at colleges in Nebraska.

She graduated from Midland University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and started working at Columbus Community Hospital in 2013 as an RN in the Acute Care Unit/ Intensive Care Unit. After that, she briefly worked as a house supervisor before she transitioned into her current role as a nurse case manager about a year and a half ago.

In this position, Korth works with insurance agencies to authorize medical

stays and develops discharge plans for patients.

To create discharge plans, Korth works closely with doctors, nurses and patients during patients' hospitalizations. She then talks with patients and their families to assess patients' home environments and the community resources they use. From there, she works with the patient and their family to come up with the best discharge plan to meet the patient's needs. After discharge, she then follows up with the patient and answers any questions they have.

In all of her work, Korth said she is supported by CCH which encourages its employees to continue their education and attend national conferences. Korth also had the unique experience of being supported by CCH even before she was an employee.

“I started by completing my nursing internship here at CCH which then led me to applying for an RN position on ACU,” Korth said.

Korth is thankful for her job shadow experience and the internship that led to her current position, and she

encourages other people to explore their chosen career fields in the same way.

“My tip would be to job shadow whichever career you are thinking about pursuing. It will give you a small glimpse at a typical day in that career,” she said.

As for Korth, she said her chosen career in nursing can be a difficult one, both physically and mentally, but it is very much worth it.

“You see people usually at their lowest point in life but there is nothing more rewarding than when patients come back and thank for the care that you provided them,” she said.

For more information on Korth, or the variety of nursing opportunities at CCH, visit www.columbushosp.org.