

## NR 451 Week 8 Discussion: Your Nursing Destiny

Now that each one of you is very close to completing this major accomplishment in your nursing career, please share your professional development plans to keep up to date in your chosen specialty and nursing in general.

- In what professional nursing organizations do you currently participate? What organizations might you think about participating in for the future?
- What nursing certifications are you considering?
- How might consideration of continuing your education to pursue a graduate degree fit into your future plans?

### Answer:

- **In what professional nursing organizations do you currently participate? What organizations might you think about participating in for the future?**

I currently participate in the American Nurses Association and the Arkansas Nurses Association. “ARNA fosters high standards of nursing practice, promotes professional development, and advocates for the profession of nursing. ARNA collaborates with other healthcare providers to facilitate access to quality health care for the people of Arkansas” (ARNA, 2019). I hope in the future to join the American Association of Nurse Practitioners when I finish my master’s degree.

- **What nursing certifications are you considering?**

I look forward to continuing my BLS and start taking a yearly ACLS course to ensure that if the need arises that I can take care of acute critically injured patients. This training will help me