**Introduction**

My name is Zheman. I have 4 years of experience as a registered nurse. I started working with the elderly population in the critical care unit two years ago. Being an RN may be quite physically and mentally taxing, but my love for patient care keeps me going. The desire to further advance my knowledge as a healthcare professional has led me to Walden. I'm pursuing the AGACNP program at Walden University to earn my MSN.

**Walden University's Mission, Vision, and Goals and my Academic and Professional Goals**

There is something about Walden University that makes it the ultimate choice for anyone in the nursing field. I believe for anyone wanting to acquire knowledge and develop skills and competencies that will make them become effective individuals of social change in the nursing career, Walden University should be at the top of their priority list. This institution envisions a distinctively different 21st-century learning community where knowledge is worthy and applicable it to the critical societal challenges (Walden University, n.d.). As a healthcare professional my role extends beyond practicing in a healthcare setting to making meaningful societal impacts. My interest in moving society through positive change aligns with the institution's vision of producing graduates who can solve global health and community problems.

Secondly, I firmly believe in positive change as the leading solution to most social problems. As a healthcare professional, meeting with different people is a chance to challenge one's worldview and perceptions. At Walden University, I will have the opportunity to network and meet others within the profession who may help me to transform and advance so that I can make positive changes in my area of practice.

 **Importance of Networking**

Networking is essential for all healthcare professional for jobs, advancement, for trends and support (Schmidt, n.d.). My professional objective is to grow in my nursing career and work with elderly patients who are experiencing acute crises while also taking on more knowledgeable responsibilities. To achieve this, Walden University offers its programs in the diverse process learning approaches that guarantee quality outcomes and networking opportunities with professionals in this field. I look forward to developing a scholar-mindset – with excellent research skills that will help me engage in evidence-based practices strongly advocated within the nursing profession.

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