

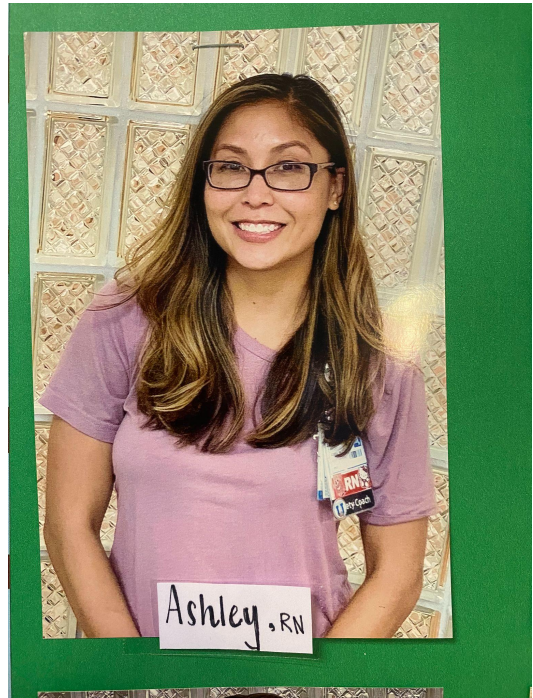
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Interviewer: Alex Ramos

Interviewee: Ashley Corpuz

PACU Registered Nurse at CHKD

She got her BSN at Norfolk State University



*This was for a Halloween Party at the hospital.*

Ashley had always wanted to become a nurse since she was a little girl. She remembered as a child trying to be a nurse to her mom, even though her mom was perfectly fine. She loves to care for people and that was a driving force with her choice.

She went to TCC to get her associates degree and then she went to Norfolk State University to get her BSN. She then got hired at Sentara as an RN and worked in various departments gaining experience. She would later transfer to CHKD where she has been there for five years working in the PACU where she oversees care for patients who are waking up from anesthesia.

The best aspect of her career has been helping hundreds of people and seeing them grow from the beginning. It is fulfilling knowing that you are the reason someone smiles that day. The most surprising aspect of her career is that she has to work 16+ hour days sometimes, but she doesn't mind it because she loves what she does. The most challenging part would definitely be

having to deal with people all day and always having a smile on yourself because we are still humans and we get tired, but she tries her best to keep a smile and always shows the best care to her patients.

For advice, Ashley says to make sure that this is really what you want to do because it is not the easiest job out there but it is definitely the most rewarding. It would be beneficial to gain some hospital experience beforehand so that you're equipped with the knowledge you may need in the future and to also get a feel for what you'll be doing. Just make sure you are motivated and do well in your classes and you will do amazing in your career.