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I interviewed Sara Maynard who specializes in Nuclear Medicine. She has a Masters Degree and attended Old Dominion University. She was inspired to get into the Nuclear Medicine field because it was the perfect mix of nursing and engineering for her. She had attended to major in Nursing but she didn't like it after observing other nurses. When Sara discovered Nuclear Medicine it best fit her interest in nursing and using her engineering skills. The basic roles and responsibilities of a Nuclear Medicine Tech are quality control, performing injections (which is Sara's favorite), and performing calculations. Her favorite aspect of her job is that everyday is different. She says she learns something new day to day and never becomes bored with her tasks. The most surprising aspect to her is her patients. Sara said she meets new people all the time from different backgrounds and home lives. She says the biggest challenge is getting all her tasks done within her time span. Overall Sara loves her career as a Nuclear Med Tech. The advice she would give someone following her pathway is to observe someone who is doing what you want to do. The best way of seeing if you actually would like to do something is to watch someone else do it.

I learned that Nuclear Medicine is a mix of nursing and engineering and could possibly be something I could follow through with.