

CHASTITY SMITH

Chastity is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She plans to work in the Emergency Department and continue her education at Washburn University in the fall by pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with an emphasis in Family Practice. She has a passion for patient education in the vulnerable population, including the socioeconomically disadvantaged and elderly.

Chastity is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and received the White Scholarship in Nursing. She enjoyed her community outreaches in the Washburn University Wellness Center and the Topeka Rescue Mission. As part of these programs, she provided Topeka and surrounding communities with free health screenings and primary prevention education. Chastity also served as a mentor for fellow nursing school peers in the Mentor Program. The Mentor Program is designed to provide new nursing students with the wisdom and support of upperclassmen.

Chastity contributed to a quality and safety project proposed to decrease falls with major injury in nursing homes. Through this project, her team was able to research, aggregate data, and design an evidence-based tool for a local long-term care facility. Collaborating with other classmates, she participated in the research of treatments for primary dysmenorrhea and barriers to prenatal care.

During her time at Washburn University, she worked as a patient care technician in a local emergency room and as a certified nurse/medication aid at a local assisted living. Her experiences at these workplaces, and education at Washburn University nurtured her love for the displaced and geriatric population.