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GGUSD Career Fair

My Life

- ▶ The refugee from Vietnam, big sister



My hopes and dreams

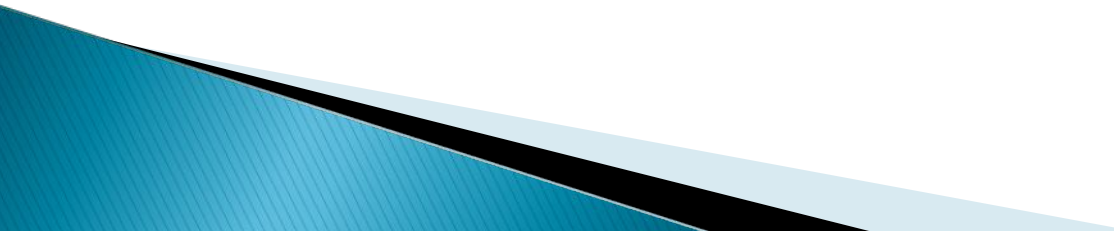




Preparation

- ▶ High school
 - ▶ College
 - ▶ Preparatory classes
 - ▶ Medical School
 - ▶ Residency
 - ▶ Fellowship
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My Career

- ▶ Healthcare vs Medicine vs Acute Care vs Primary Care vs Ambulatory Care vs Hospice Care
 - ▶ Advanced Practitioner or Allied Health
 - ▶ Doctor of Nursing vs Doctor of Osteopathy vs Doctor of Medicine vs Doctor of Philosophy or Administration of Healthcare
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Day in the life of an ER doc...

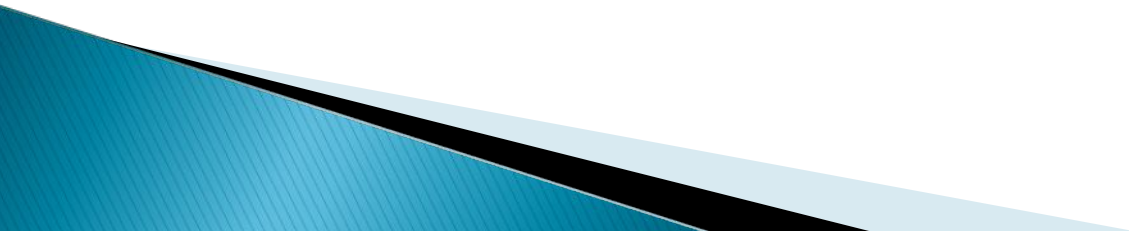
- ▶ Like the jokes “This gal walks into the ER...”
- ▶ One hectic day
- ▶ The feeling of accomplishment walking out....

“Ya gotta have courage...”

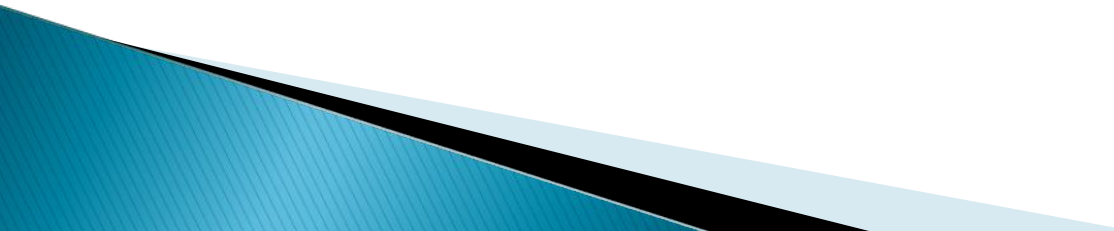
- ▶ Screen flashes of pictures of these items
- ▶ Pictures of stethoscope, bedside Ultrasound, glidescope, EZ-IO, defibrillator, IV poles/central line kit, computer work station

Healthcare earnings...uncertain future?

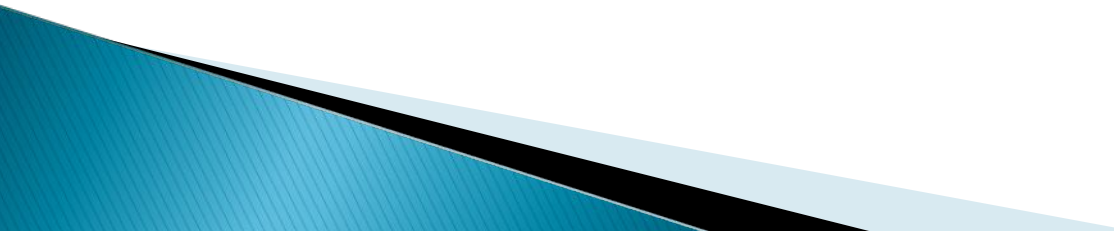
- ▶ The future is bright and challenging...



“Choosing the **right** thing to do...”

- ▶ You like knowing how a body functions and fixing its problems
 - ▶ Doing something with your hands and your words make you feel proud of yourself
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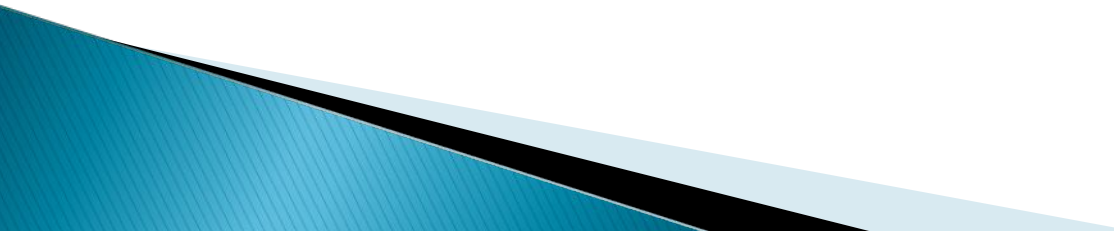
“Choosing the **right** thing to do...”

- ▶ You don't mind extreme smells or sounds or emotions
 - ▶ You prefer quickly going from persons to persons/places to places rather than focus on one idea or activity in a day/week/month
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“Choosing the **right** thing to do...”

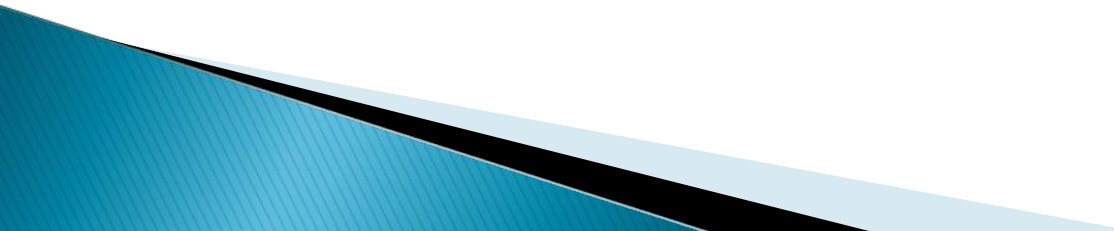
- ▶ You like unpredictability and can quickly develop a connection to people
- ▶ You can put others’ needs before your own at times and hold your composure, or even your tears, fears, or other strong emotions

How does one become an emergency physician?

- ▶ *High school education*
 - ▶ *College major/minor*
 - ▶ *Medical or Osteopathic education*
 - ▶ *Residency*
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Trying it out, trying it on...

- ▶ Volunteering
 - ▶ Shadowing
 - ▶ Seeking a mentor
 - ▶ Scribing
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Questions???

- ▶ Handouts with resources to be passed out