

Education and Career Trajectory

*March 2014-
Accepted to
UGA-Early
Childhood*

*Spring 2015-
Shadowed Child
Life Specialist
at GRU*

*December 2015-
Shadowed RN-
Decided to be
HDFS Pre-Nursing*

*Summer 2016-
Take GRU for
graduate school*

*May
2017-
Graduate
from
UGA*

*October 2014-
Changed major to
Human Development
and Family Science
with Child Life
emphasis*

*Fall 2015-
Researched Child Life
completed Career
Assessment with
Career Center
(suggested-Nursing)*

*Spring 2016- Began
taking required
science courses for
Pre-Nursing*

*Fall 2016-
Apply to
Emory and
GRU*

*Fall 2017-
First
Semester of
Nursing*

I started at UGA unsure of exactly what I wanted to do for a career. I knew that I wanted to work with children and/or cancer patients, since my dad is currently battling cancer. I first thought I wanted to teach young children, but soon realized after completing a field experience that Early Childhood Education was not the path I needed to be on. Then I discovered Child Life, and I was so excited because I would be able to work with children in a hospital setting. I had always envisioned myself being a doctor when I was younger, so working in a hospital setting as a Child Life Specialist was something I could really see myself doing. So, I decided I would shadow a Child Life Specialist, which I did enjoy, but the more research I conducted the less appealing this job seemed to be. I finally decided to go to the Career Center to seek advice on how to figure out what I should major in, so I took several Career Assessments which indicated I would be a perfect match in the nursing or healthcare field. As I began to do research last fall, the more in love I fell with the idea of becoming a nurse. So this spring, I began taking required science courses for Pre-Nursing students. Before taking this course, I was very unsettled about what the future will hold, but now, I am more confident in my decision to become a nurse, as well as learning how to create professional documents and developing professional connections with others.