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I chose to return to school and further my career because I constantly found myself feeling like I could contribute more to the healthcare profession. In today's healthcare system, nurse practitioners play a vital role in America's healthcare landscape. I chose the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program because I thoroughly enjoy the relationships that result from managing an individual’s health across the lifespan. As a lifetime tiger fan, Auburn University was the only choice for me. Florence Nightingale said, "unless we are making progress in our nursing every year, every month, every week take my word for it we are going back." I am confident that I have been given the tools needed to consistently make progress in my nursing career. The Auburn University Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program has adequately prepared me to provide evidence-based, patient centered, culturally competent care.