How to succeed in College

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**Topic:** How to Succeed in College

**Introduction** –

## Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven’t planted. – David Bly

## I never thought that in my forty’s that I would be about to graduate from college, never in a million years would I have dreamed this.

**Thesis Statement -** I decided to enroll back in college about three months prior to my son was about to graduate from high school, it was my goal to complete what I started many years ago.

I. **First Main Point** – Personal Reasons

A. It has always in a goal of minds to earn a college degree, so I first decided to go for nursing degree, so I did some research on where to get started with a nursing career.

B. And that led me to become a nursing assistant in a skilled nursing home. I would be able to help take care of people directly. Which I loved to do.

A certified nursing assistant (CNA) provides varying levels of care and support to physically and/or mentally disabled individuals who are unable to care for themselves. CNAs care for patients of all ages in hospitals, inpatient mental health facilities, and clinics. Some certified nurse assistants are employed by a patient’s family and make in-home visits, where they physically care for the patient and provide companionship. Many CNAs are employed at nursing homes and assisted living facilities for the elderly.

These workers fill an important and necessary role in society. Without the help of CNAs, many patients would not receive the physical and mental care they need and deserve. A career as a certified nursing assistant invites both challenges and rewards. As the baby-boomer generation ages, CNAs should be in greater demand; the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the number of these workers to increase by 11% between 2016 and 2026. The [median annual CNA salary](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nursing-assistants.htm#tab-5) is around $29,000, and certified nurse assistants employed by the government earn almost $34,000 a year.

C. So I spoke with my adviser on the college campus that I was about to attend for my nursing classes, I wanted to know how to get help with classes that I might struggle in and what was the passing rates with students entering this program.

II. **Second Main Point** – Financial Reasons

A. I didn’t want to struggle all of my life as I had watched other people around me as teenager, I wanted to be comfortable with a stable career.

B. So after having my son while I was in my last year of high school, I knew that financially I need to make some stable money to take care of the both of us.

C. And I knew that I wanted to travel the world, so this career financially would help me achieve that goal.

III. **Third Main Point** – Emotional Reasons

A. being able to show my child that life comes with ups and downs but long as you got family an friends there to support you in any way, that you can accomplish your goals.

B. You have got to put in the hard work so that you can see the results.

C. and to challenge yourself to go above and beyond all of your fears and doubts

**Conclusion** –

1. So I decided to complete my college degree when my son was three months away from graduating from high school. It had been a dream of mines for many years, but I knew it was going to take hard work and a lot of sacrifice. So I surrounded myself with supportive people and got the ball rolling in 2015
2. Never give up or doubt yourself, the strength that you have to push through your challenges in life will absolutely blow your mind.

**Resilient People Make Tough Decisions**

*“Sometimes, we only have two choices: the stupid option and the less stupid option. Sometimes, it’s only risky or riskier.” —*[*The Woman Who Walked a Thousand Miles*](https://medium.com/the-mission/the-woman-who-walked-a-thousand-miles-f447a7fed2e3)

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