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BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BVCTC) alumna Maryam Rose was ready to start a new life in the United States. At the age of 25, the Iranian immigrant left her home in Shiraz, Iran and moved by herself across the world to W.V. with a dream in her heart: to go to college, sharpen her English skills and work toward becoming a nurse.

Rose enrolled at BVCTC, the nearby community college, in Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes to fully immerse herself in her new country and sharpen her skills before working on her nursing classes.

It was a decision, she said, she would highly recommend for any immigrants looking to start college in the United States. "I absolutely would recommend other immigrants attend BVCTC," Rose said. "Especially I think people who are considering working toward a nursing degree, BridgeValley gives you the best opportunity to finish their 2-year program first and get a job then go for their Bachelor of Science in Nursing!"

At BVCTC, Rose knew exactly what she wanted out of her time there: she would do everything she could to score well on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test, demonstrating her readiness for nursing school. After completing her ABE classes, she threw herself entirely into the nursing program at the college.

To say she did well in her program would be an understatement. Rose excelled in the rigorous program, graduating Cum Laude from her class in spring 2021. She is now enrolled at a university earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is working at Memorial Hospital's Stepdown Intensive Care Unit department. She plans to become a Certified Registered Nursing Anesthetist someday.

- Maryam Rose Nursing

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