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**The journey of foreign educated nurses integrating in to the American health workforce**

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There has been continuous influx of foreign educated Nurses to the United States of America. Even though the flow of immigration of foreign educated nurses has fluctuated over the years, it is evident that with the epileptic shortage of nurses, it will continue to happen. This paper seek to tell the stories of these nurses, their experiences and suggestions about how they can be helped to have a smooth transition in to living and working in the United States of America. Van Manen descriptive interpretative/selective phenomenology approach was used to analyze comments and stories from 10 foreign educated nurses interviewed using semi structured questions. Themes were identified and recommendations proposed.

**Biography**

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