Hello everyone, my name is Rachel Radyk, preferred pronouns are she/her. I am a Registered Practical Nurse working in acute care, research and community settings. I am currently in my fourth year at Ontario Tech for the RPN to BScN bridge program. I also have a degree in Communication studies from Carleton University. I was recently recognized for my academic achievements by being awarded the recipient of the Miigwewin Award from the Ogemawahj Tribal Council. I was also nominated as Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association September for nurse of the month for September 2020.

 I identify as indigenous with my background being part settler and part Anishinaabe. I am passionate about being a leader and think it is essential to have new generations of nursing students being active and advocating for indigenous health. I am passionate about Indigenous health and the future of nursing. I believe that as an Indigenous nursing student I have a voice as a leader to represent and advocate for more Indigenous education within current nursing programs and I am working hard to help change this. I believe all of the challenges and obstacles I overcame in my life have prepared me to be a strong Indigenous nurse who has the strength and bravery to advocate for change.

I have a passion for Indigenous health, life promotion and advocacy. I am ics9nJvdo i mball5cl()TEQ0000029 0 f

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Nursing Student Community and the Undergraduate Nursing Program Committee. Within these roles I advocate for Indigenous health, representation and promote ally ship to my fellow nursing students. I have had the opportunity to now transition myself into a new nursing role as an Indigenous Health Consultant delivering webinars and health teaching to Indigenous populations within my community and virtually.

When I am finished nursing school, I would like to be able to continue to work within Indigenous communities delivering nursing care, health promotion and continue to develop my leadership skills.