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***SAMPLE POST:*** *Use this as a guide for writing and formatting posts*

### My Goals and University Vision and Mission

As a nurse for over 10 years and with the advances in technology applied to the health care arena, I have become more interested in the role of a nurse within informatics. My professional goal is to work full-time in the area of nursing informatics. Unfortunately, I knew that obtain this position, I needed to advance my degree. I began looking into various colleges and universities that can provide me with the education needed to obtain an advanced degree with a focus in nursing informatics.

After several months of investigating, I located Walden University. At first, I was drawn to Walden because it offered the flexibility that I needed. However, as I investigated the university further, Walden's mission and vision statement resonated with me. I knew I had made the right choice. The College of Nursing vision and mission statements described what I felt and thought yet could not put into words. According to the Walden University College of Nursing (2011a), their vision is for graduates to transform nursing to meet the needs of communities. Technology is transforming health

care and the degree I will obtain at Walden will help me to assist my organization with this transformation.

Another reason I was drawn to Walden University was the high standards they have for all students. The College of Nursing stated in their mission that their program is "academically rigorous…contextually relevant…" (Walden University, 2011a, para. 4). This statement matches my academic goal. I am not looking for just a piece of paper at the end, I am looking to gain the necessary knowledge that I need to make an impact within my organization.

## Incorporation of Social Change

Walden University (2011b) defined positive social change as a "deliberate process of creating and applying ideas, strategies, and actions to promote the worth, dignity, and development of individuals, communities, organizations, institutions, cultures, and societies" (para. 4). I have always had a feeling that I want my life to mean something and to have an effect on those around me whether it is directly or indirectly. As a nurse, the will to help others is a core foundation of why I got into nursing in the first place. I plan to incorporate social change with the knowledge gained at Walden University by "putting that knowledge into practice" (Walden University, 2010b, para. 3). I plan to contribute to my field when I graduate by helping lead my coworkers and my organization through the computerized changes and advancement of technology at work. While helping others, I will be part of the clinical informatics team as the team transitions the organization into new computerized programs.

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