

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### William “Billy” Hale, IV Practical Nursing Graduate Class of Spring 2020

William “Billy” Hale, IV, enrolled in NTCC’s Practical Nursing Program at the Hammond Area Campus in January 2018 and he graduated in May 2020, in the middle of the first COVID 19 surge in Louisiana. He took his state boards in March 2021 and he’s been working at Ochsner Hospital in Slidell since June 2021. His time is divided between “med-surg” and the COVID unit.

Billy says that working on the COVID unit is difficult because the protocols are so different than a typical hospital situation. It’s harder to implement a good bedside manner because time with patients is limited for safety and he isn’t able to spend time talking to them and reassuring them at a time when they aren’t allowed visits with family, either.

Billy says that once he’s gained more experience, he would like to return to school to become a Registered Nurse, eventually working in anesthesia. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with family and friends.



*“School teaches what to do in a perfect scenario, but on the (hospital) floor, nothing is perfect. I enjoy learning to apply my knowledge in real-life situations. I feel like I’m where I’m meant to be.”*

*Billy Hale*