

# SHAUNA BEGLE

## Pursuing Happiness in Life: Shauna Becoming a Physician Assistant

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“Set high goals and don't let anything stand in your way of achieving them,” Shauna Begle states. Working as a physician assistant, Shauna provides compassionate care to patients in a hospital setting. Shauna loves knowing that her job can help change peoples' lives.

As a junior in high school, Shauna contemplated what she wanted to become in the future. By reading magazine articles and participating in Health Occupations Students of America, HOSA, she decided to narrow her choices to nursing and physician assistant. Shauna wanted to pursue a more challenging career; she decided that becoming a physician assistant would suit her. In 2003, Shauna graduated from Forest Park as a salutatorian.

With college just around the corner, Shauna decided to attend Butler University in Indianapolis. The school accepting her into the physician assistant program became one challenge Shauna had to face during college. In 2007, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in health sciences. That proceeding year, 2008, she obtained her master's degree in physician assistant studies.

In 2005, Shauna participated in a life-changing experience. To study their medical structure, Shauna traveled to South Africa. She participated and studied in the following: another culture's beliefs, traditions, and history. Walking 12 hours to see a doctor and living in sheet metal houses were just a few of the conditions that the people of South Africa endured every day. “I would highly recommend you to travel to another country-not just to sightsee, but to really experience and learn about another culture. It will open your mind unlike anything else,” Shauna states.

After about five years of college, Shauna graduated and a job offer came immediately. She has worked at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis for two years. At her workplace, she works 12 hours a day for seven days. Then she receives the following seven days off. Assessing patients' statuses, making diagnoses, ordering and interpreting labs and tests, and prescribing treatments are a few of the tasks she performs every day at work. Happy and excited, Shauna loves working as a physician assistant.

During her free time, Shauna enjoys spending time with her newlywed husband- Adam Funderburk; they were married on May 15, 2010. Currently living in Anderson, Indiana, she hopes to move closer to Ferdinand in the future. Recently, Shauna adopted an energetic pug named Otis.

“Make good decisions and think about how they will affect the other people around you,” Shauna encourages. Also for anyone going to college, she states, “College is an amazing time of personal growth and self-discovery. You really find out who you are and what you want in life.” Shauna hopes that her successes will move other people in a direction towards happiness and success in their life.