

### **A.B. , BSN Internship Program – April 2003**

A.B. joined the BSN Internship Program in April 2003. She received her Bachelors in Nursing at Long Island University – Brooklyn campus. She first heard about the program when Mari Moriarty, College Relations Manager, made a visit to her campus. A.B. thought, “It seemed very interesting and worth a try. ” She has always been a “go-getter”, which is evident in her work here at VNS. She remembers with pride and enthusiasm her first major wound care, which she accepted without hesitation from her manager.

A. B.’s mother was a teacher, and A.B. is pleased that the role of a visiting nurse involves so much teaching. She not only teaches her patients “something new pertaining to their care and answering their questions”, but she also finds that she learns a great deal from them as well. When looking toward her future, she is particularly interested in pursuing a nurse’s practitioner certificate specializing in diabetes. This will allow her to instruct her patients more thoroughly about medications and other aspects of diabetic care.

At VNS, A.B. feels that she “can reach a certain level of rapport with her patients that is not possible in a hospital”. She loves that “the patients can talk to her” and she “gives them a hug whenever she can.” In closing A.B. would like to leave this piece of advice to aspiring visiting nurses, “I urge them to just give it a try.”