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My most memorable experience as a psychiatric nurse \_\_\_\_\_ before I became a psychiatric nurse.

I \_\_\_\_\_ an ED nurse for many years and had patients in the ED often who \_\_\_\_\_ patients with mental health issues.

One evening, a 16 year old male \_\_\_\_\_ admitted, he attempted suicide by cutting (deeply) both antecubitals.

His wounds \_\_\_\_\_ deep and life threatening. He \_\_\_\_\_ discharged home after sutures \_\_\_\_\_ placed with his distraught mother because he could not be admitted to the psychiatric hospital.

The next day I went to my director and told her that if we \_\_\_\_\_ to treat the mental health patients, I wanted to know how to do it appropriately.

I went back to school, earned a BS in psychology and then an MSN and CNS in Psychiatric Mental Health, then an NP in Psych-Mental Health.

That patient sent me on a path I might not otherwise followed. It \_\_\_\_\_ a rewarding path and I learned a great many things along the way.

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