

# Where are they Now?

## Adriana Moreno

### What degrees did you receive from the School of Nursing?

Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) UTRGV

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) UTRGV

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) The University of Texas Health Science Center

Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP)  
The University of Texas Health Science Center

### In what year did you receive your degree?

BSN Fall 2008

MSN Spring 2014

DNP Spring 2021

ENP Fall 2021



**Current Job Title/Occupation:** Aesthetic Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner

Name of Employer: Owner/Founder Injectify Wellness Clinic, Founder/co-owner Quality Care Access

Injectify Wellness Clinic [FACEBOOK](#)

Quality Care Access [FACEBOOK](#)

### What made you pursue a career in nursing?

At the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I was introduced to the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) organization. My freshman year in high school became the beginning of what would become one of my longest life journeys. Medical terminology was my first nursing course, and it was love at first sight. After my first hospital rotation at the age of sixteen, I knew this was the path I was meant to follow. Many aspects of nursing intrigued me, including the role diversity this career offers. The opportunity for growth is endless.

### What did you enjoy most about the School of Nursing at UTRGV or their legacy institutions (UT-Pan Am or UT Brownsville)?

Being part of an academic program like nursing gives you the opportunity to meet unique individuals working towards the same goal. The friendships created during this time have persevered and grown stronger throughout the years.

### What challenges do you see for nurses in the area where you live?

A common challenge faced by nursing students not only locally but throughout the nation, is that moment when one must transition from a learning environment to a work setting. The ability to apply the skills once learned with guidance from an instructor must now be performed independently and with confidence. This can be a challenging experience leading to frustration and even a sense of anxiety. It is important to understand that as nurses we will never stop learning and with time that confidence will blossom allowing you to perform to your fullest potential.

### What advice do you have for current nursing students?

Anything can be achieved when determination and perseverance are your driving force. There will be times when things may seem impossible but remember that you are not the first one to walk this path. Many others who once felt doubt and felt discouraged are now thriving in various settings and leading in the nursing community. You too, will succeed!