



ELISABETH'S STORY

After Elisabeth Craig, RN, BSN, CHPN, finished finishing her coursework at City College of San Francisco and, with encouragement from her instructors, went on to complete her BSN through a collaborative program with San Francisco State University, she struggled to find a job. From hearing the stories of her cohort members, some of whom had applied for more than sixty jobs, she knew the path would not be an easy one. She also knew she wasn't interested in a typical acute care role, but was told that without that experience she would never be hired. She felt very alone on her journey. Nursing school had not prepared her for this reality.

At that point she asked HealthImpact for suggestions. We pointed her toward University of San Francisco's Transition to Practice Program. Upon acceptance, she was placed in a position at Hospice by the Bay, and immediately knew the role was perfect for her. The transition program provided experience and training in a community setting that she would not have gotten in nursing school. The experience changed her life: she now works full time at Hospice by the Bay, and in 2017 she became certified in hospice and palliative care. She loves her clients and the autonomy the role allows her. "Thanks to HealthImpact I took advantage of a wonderful program I wouldn't otherwise have known about. I am grateful every day for the difference I can make in the lives of my patients and their families."