



THIS IS DR. MICHELE BOYNE. MY SISTER AND I HAVE BEEN COMING TO MICHELE BOYNE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY SINCE I WAS THREE YEARS OLD. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CAREER THAT I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN WHETHER THAT BE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN DENTAL HYGIENE OR TO BECOME A DENTIST. I VISITED DR. BOYNE IN OCTOBER AND JOB SHADOWED HER FOR 2 WEEKS AND THAT LED TO BE INTERNSHIP FOR THE SEMESTER.



HYGIENE

## WHAT I LEARNED

THROUGH WORKING HERE THIS SEMESTER I LEARNED WHAT ALL DENTAL HYGIENE TRULY INQUIRES. DENTAL HYGIENISTS CLEAN TEETH, EXAMINE PATIENTS FOR SIGNS OF ORAL DISEASES SUCH AS GINGIVITIS, AND PROVIDE OTHER PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE. THEY ALSO EDUCATE PATIENTS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN GOOD ORAL HEALTH.

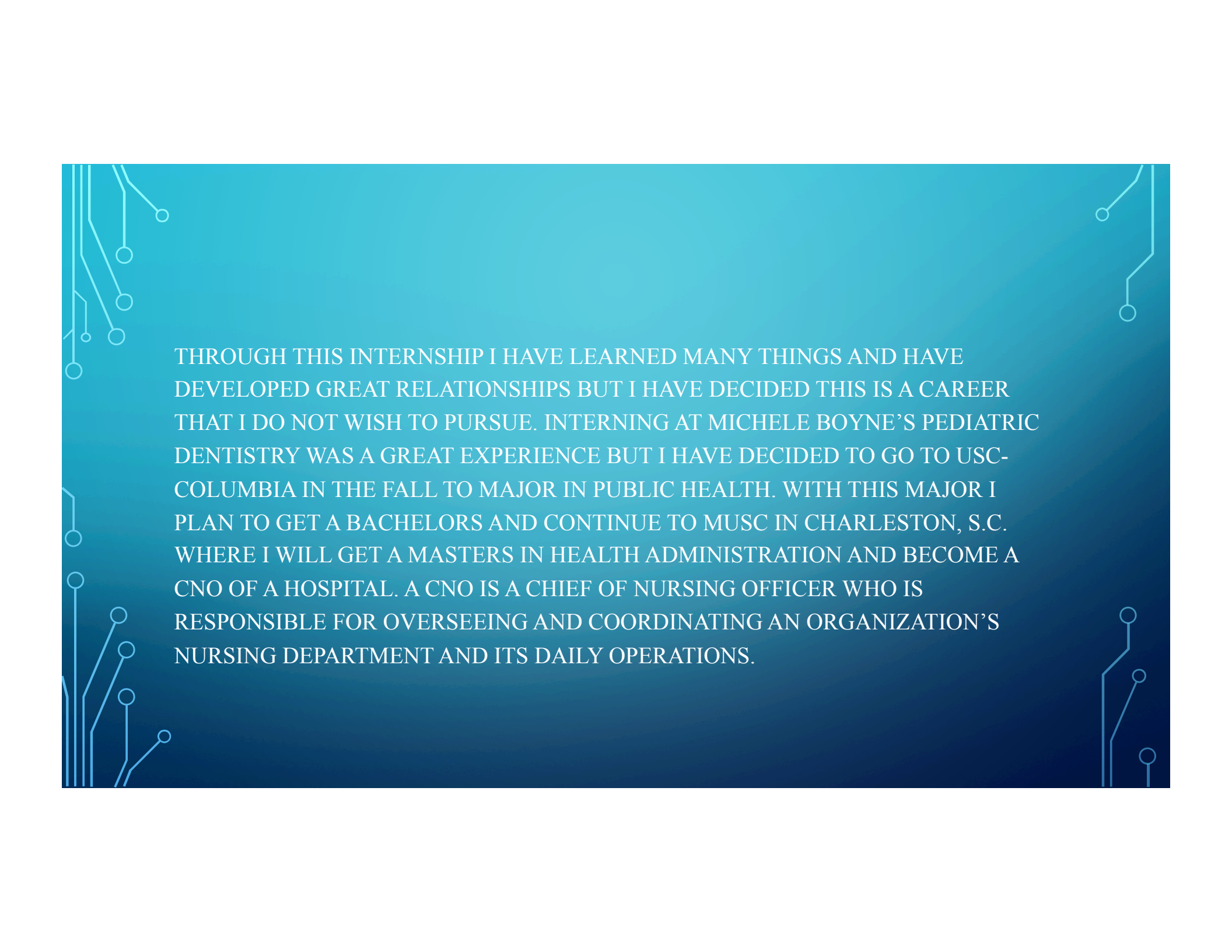
## WORK EXPERIENCE

Because I was unable to actually work on regular patients due to lawsuits, I was lucky enough to get to work on my sister's mouth and act as if she had a cavity. I became familiar with the tools used and how to properly use them. In this picture I was using the high vacuum suction tool to help keep her mouth dry. I was also able to get insight on the pros and cons of being a dental hygienist and the relationships you get to develop.



The average salary for a dental hygienist in Rock Hill, SC is 70,000\$, but the average salary obviously differs depending on what city you're working. Mary Beth shown in the right picture between Shyla and I has worked at Michele Boyne Pediatrics for 17 years and makes 83,000\$ not counting bonuses. Dental hygiene requires an associates degree but usually takes three years because of pre-reqs. Both of these women love their job.





THROUGH THIS INTERNSHIP I HAVE LEARNED MANY THINGS AND HAVE DEVELOPED GREAT RELATIONSHIPS BUT I HAVE DECIDED THIS IS A CAREER THAT I DO NOT WISH TO PURSUE. INTERNING AT MICHELE BOYNE'S PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE BUT I HAVE DECIDED TO GO TO USC-COLUMBIA IN THE FALL TO MAJOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH. WITH THIS MAJOR I PLAN TO GET A BACHELORS AND CONTINUE TO MUSC IN CHARLESTON, S.C. WHERE I WILL GET A MASTERS IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND BECOME A CNO OF A HOSPITAL. A CNO IS A CHIEF OF NURSING OFFICER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING AND COORDINATING AN ORGANIZATION'S NURSING DEPARTMENT AND ITS DAILY OPERATIONS.