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At a time when most teenagers only care about dating or their hair, Dariana Infanzon was already setting her sights on entering the nursing profession.

"I was inspired to become a nurse after completing 150 volunteer hours at Elmhurst Hospital D5-Labor & Delivery when I was 16 years old," she comments. As a nurse, my assignment is different every day and this brings along many new opportunities to learn and expand my knowledge."

And in just a year and a half as a staff nurse at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, Infanzon is already making a difference within the larger healthcare system. "There is always room for improvement and now that I am part of the Ambulatory Care Shared Governance Committee I am able work on goals that will enhance better patient care and satisfaction," she

points out.

Infanzon notes that although the current health crisis has been challenging, it also has provided her with opportunities for personal and professional growth. "One of the proudest accomplishments as a nurse in NYC Health + Hospitals was working through the pandemic," she declares. "As a new nurse, I was challenged through these difficult times. However, this experience made me a more confident and competent nurse.

"Being a nurse in the City's public health system is unique because as a Hispanic nurse I can relate to my patients and feel a stronger connection with the community," she adds, noting that serving her patients with compassion is one of her highest priorities. "I believe this value resonates with me as a nurse because I take time to listen to my patients and empathize with them. Through this, I can better understand their healthcare needs and concerns, and to ensure they are met."