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**Ali Thompson**

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Ali Thompson, Class of '18, is working some very long hours at Augusta University Medical Center, taking care of patients, including those with COVID-19. She says the USC Aiken nursing program set her up for success in this high stress, very demanding but extremely rewarding career.

"The clinical experiences I had during my time in the School of Nursing were vital to my nursing career. Nursing is a very hands-on profession, and the only way to gain that experience is through clinicals."

While Ali has been in the real world for a bit, she remembers what it's like as a student.

"Nursing school is meant to be very, very difficult. It is designed to create nurses who can think critically while under stress. Take each class day by day, exam by exam, and you will be graduating before you know it."

*"Nursing was a natural choice due to the huge range of career opportunities, the ability to work hand-in-hand with a variety of health care providers, and the opportunity to use clinical skills and critical thinking to best care for a patient."*

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