

COURTNEY WRIGHT

REGISTERED NURSE
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
GENERAL LEONARD WOOD ARMY
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



Responsible for clinical patient care, quick screenings, determining life-threatening emergencies and assisting physicians in high-skilled procedures.

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Why did you choose to become a DOD/DA Civilian?

My grandparents on my father's side were Department of Defense Civilians, and my dad was a DOD Civilian as well. When I first became a licensed practical nurse, I worked here in the emergency department. When I became a registered nurse, I left to work at a civilian hospital for about six years until I decided I wanted to be back at GLWACH.

Why did you become a nurse?

It sounds cliché, but I always knew I wanted to help people in some aspect. I didn't always dream of being

a nurse. Nursing was the practical choice after high school. **Once I was a nurse, I realized how many ways there are to help people and fell into emergency medicine, where I found my passion.**

What do you enjoy most about your job/career as a DOD/DA Civilian?

I like the community and the people that we serve and that things are different here. **It is not the same type of experience you have when you're serving a civilian community.** The types of injuries are different; the types of patients we see are different; the people we see are from all over and all walks of life. I like being able to give back to service members.

What are the benefits of working as a DOD/DA Civilian?

There is a level of respect we get from the military community that healthcare workers don't always receive at other places. I like being able to serve the service members who are serving us. Every day, you're going to see something new and different that keeps you on your toes.

