

## 2018-2019 Aplastic Anemia and Myelodysplasia Nursing Award recipient, Samantha Scime



My interest in oncology began at a young age. When I was in the sixth grade I read a series of novels about young adults with cancer and it was at that time I decided I wanted to care for these people. In high school, I pursued nursing with hopes of looking after patients with cancer and throughout my undergraduate degree I sought opportunities in this field. Fortunately, over the past eight years, I have been able to grow my passion in a variety of roles within the oncology sector. I have been able to care for patients in all phases of the disease trajectory and have worked within both inpatient and outpatient settings.

I currently have the privilege to care for patients in a cancer treatment centre, as well as, an oncology specific urgent care clinic. Within these roles I have had the opportunity to lead a variety of quality improvement projects including an award winning patient education initiative aimed at alleviating the anxiety of patients receiving

chemotherapy. With my masters, I aspire to create a positive impact in oncology nursing through a commitment to patient care, nursing education and research activities. My future research interests include the psychosocial care of diverse oncology populations including the LGBTQ2 community and Canada's Indigenous peoples.

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