I remember feeling a range of emotions on the day of graduation. I was excited and proud of myself that I finally did it and that I was done with school despite the obstacles along the way. Yet, I was not quite content knowing that there was still one more BIG step before I could actually be a practicing nurse...taking the nursing board exam! I didn't allow myself to fully enjoy or appreciate my accomplishments until I passed the boards and was officially a Registered Nurse. I have learned a lot from nursing school and being a nurse, especially about myself. Looking back on it now, there are a few things I would have done differently. I wouldn't have been so hard on myself and I have learned to celebrate each victory (big or small) as they come.

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