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 Felisha originally hails from North Carolina, prior to becoming a registered nurse Felisha served 6 years in the United States Air Force as an Aerospace Medical Technician. After serving time in the military, she obtained her associate degree in nursing from Pitt Community College located in Winterville, North Carolina in 2013. She began working as a novice nurse at a rural hospital on a cardiovascular telemetry unit in Kinston, North Carolina. After gaining one year of nursing experience Felisha ventured out to Little Rock, Arkansas to expand her nursing career as a travel nurse. Felisha continued to work numerous travel nurse assignments on medical-surgical and step-down units throughout California and Georgia. During that time Felisha advanced her nursing education and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 2019 from Western Governors University.

 Currently, Felisha is employed as a float nurse at Emory University Hospital Midtown and Grady Health System located in Atlanta, Georgia. Felisha will be graduating with her Master of Science in Nursing from Albany State University May 7, 2022. Felisha aspires to work as a Family Nurse Practitioner in an outpatient setting providing preventative medical care to underserved populations of urban communities in the Metro Atlanta area.