

**Guy Simard, MAL (188 words):**

My career path started when I began working as a Registered Nurse in ER settings. For many reasons, this experience pushed me to pursue a law degree (LLB). During the course of my LLB program, I began looking for career opportunities combining my nursing background with growing legal background. In November 2018, I became a Disability Adjudicator with Veterans Affairs Canada, where I continue to work in this position. Today, I am still registered with the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec (i.e. Quebec college of nurses), and I recently obtained my LLB. One of the reasons that led me to pursue this particular combination of knowledge and expertise was precisely my desire to keep in touch with my nursing background, while leaning on my legal background to reach for a position that would allow me to be a voice for my colleagues and represent the interests of fellow professionals. On a more personal level, I identify as a member of the LGBTQ2+ community and of EE-seeking groups (persons with disabilities) , so I am no stranger to facing adversity, and advocating for human rights and freedoms.