Some people say that they know the exact moment when they decided nursing was the right choice for them. For Creighton nursing sophomore Natalie Unger, her dream to become a nurse was confirmed on a green Irish hillside, far from Creighton's campus.

Natalie spent her spring semester on an immersion trip in Limerick. Learning in Ireland confirmed that nursing is the right choice for her.

"I have known for years that I have wanted to do something to help other people along the lines of medicine. Being abroad I have been exposed to all sorts of personalities and people and I have realized how much I like nursing. I enjoy meeting new people and learning from them," Natalie said.

"Going abroad allowed me to go out and see the world in a different way. I have gained greater insight," says Natalie.

Natalie traveled to several places throughout Ireland, but has also had the chance to see Florence and Rome.

Associate Dean Dr. Linda Lazure said Study Abroad program is an excellent learning component in the nursing curriculum.

"The Study Abroad experience teaches responsibility. It takes initiative to prepare for the experience. Study Abroad facilitates the integration of Jesuit charisms and a deeper understanding of vulnerable populations and the student's place in the world. I have seen students return from study abroad experiences with a much deeper spirituality and spiritual centeredness."

"My experience abroad will supplement my education by giving me more hands-on experience," Natalie said. I have had the chance to learn from my Irish housemates in addition to learning from my classes at the University of Limerick. I have had to learn different things like converting the currency from U.S. dollars to Euros, how to get around in Ireland, and I have learned a lot about the different places that I have traveled."

"I will become a better nurse after this trip because I will have a greater understanding for people with different personalities and cultural backgrounds," Natalie said.