



## AUDREY SUTTON

### *Second Time's the Charm*

Imagine having the opportunity to return to school and finding a different route to pursue your lifelong dream.

As a young child, Audrey Sutton, traditional BSN student at the TTUHSC School of Nursing, said she wanted to be a pilot, doctor or author.

“I had all these grandiose ideas,” Sutton said.

Although the fields may seem different, all three have an impact on people—whether it’s taking them to visit loved ones, helping them or learning new ideas. Throughout Sutton’s and her loved ones’ lives, she noticed that nurses also have an effect on people because of care they provide. It took several career changes, a degree

in molecular biology, family medical issues and her husband’s encouragement for Sutton to realize she could still help heal people by becoming a nurse.

“I was working full-time in telecommunications at Texas Tech University and going to school part-time,” Sutton recalled. “Life happened. I got my degree in 2008 but didn’t walk the stage and continued to work in that position because of the salary and benefits.”

Along the way, she met her husband, Dan. They fell in love and got married.

“He experienced a number of medical issues and so did his dad and my parents,” Sutton said. “My husband also had a snake bite and the nursing care he received, and that my family had received, was really amazing. It brought back the desire that I had to want to work in the medical field when I was younger. I had worked as an EMT in Anson,