

# Distinguished Graduate

# 2022



## Ellen (Nellie) Bourne

**NUTRITION**

*“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”*

**-Harry S. Truman**

Ellen (Nellie) Bourne was born in Frimley, England, living in the U.K. for 9 years before emigrating to the United States with her parents and younger brother in 2004.

While growing up in Washington State, she received her U.S. citizenship, discovered her passion for healthcare, and earned her Nursing Assistant Certification in 2017. During the subsequent years she spent working as a CNA in homecare, skilled nursing, and hospital environments, Nellie felt most fulfilled in geriatric care, and knew she wanted to dedicate her life to caring for the elderly.

She and her now-husband moved to San Antonio, TX in 2019. Their excitement was short-lived, as the Covid-19 pandemic claimed Nellie’s new job in June of 2020. Thanks to the encouragement and support of her husband, Nellie enrolled in the nutrition AS transfer program at San Antonio College that August.

Since then, she has earned her spot on the President’s List for the Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Fall 2021 semesters. Nellie plans to transfer into UTSA’s Coordinated Program in Dietetics starting Fall 2022 to continue her pursuit of a career as a Registered Dietician. Upon graduating, she intends to continue to work in service of the geriatric population.