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## **Travel Nursing: Opportunities and Experiences During the** Pandemic to Now

The COVID-19 pandemic provided a perfect storm of sorts for the travel nursing industry. Lucrative contracts flourished, and demand for travel nurses soared! Those nurses who were willing and available to respond to the healthcare needs of the pandemic could find surging hourly wages for their assignments. However, it was not an ideal, easy, rosy experience. Increased pay was correlated to the situations that nurses might encounter while working during the stressful, uncertain, and sometimes isolating times of the pandemic. Listen in to this podcast to hear about an inside view of travel nursing during the pandemic from a travel nurse's perspective.

This CE course is relevant to nursing.

## **Episode 1** – Travel Nursing: An Inside Look from a Nurse Who Traveled During

#### COVID

We take a look at the circumstances around one nurse's path toward and into travel nursing. And, she gives us an inside view of factors to consider and questions to ask when deciding to look for a travel nursing agency or assignment.

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# **Episode 2** – The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Travel Nurses: Money, Experiences, and Opportunities for Something Different

The conversation continues with a discussion about travel nursing pay and why increased wages were justifiable. Then the topic of positive and negative attitudes on both sides is tackled: how staff nurses may have felt toward travelers and how travel nurses may appear to staff nurses. Finally, the conversation concludes with a short discussion of opportunities for nurses after the peak of the pandemic.

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