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I have been in the field of medicine and public health for more than a decade. Nowadays medicine and public health are done differently than when I started first. To get the entire understanding of the health and epidemiological events I had to create a bird's eye perspective. While in the School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, I felt the need to have some statistical information, techniques and methods. So I asked for help in the STAT department. Immediately I was advised and welcomed with open arms. At first, I got a Certificate of Applied Statistics – CAS. Soon I realized that my statistical journey had just begun. The support and encouragements of especially my academic advisor, Dr. Don Edwards, and all my professors and staff in the STAT department made me comeback for more. Thus, sooner than I expected I graduated with a Masters in Industrial Statistics (MIS) now Masters of Applied Statistics (MAS). This effort was very rewarding to me. My approach and understanding of health events changed for ever, changes that are reflected on my research. I was presented two consecutive sessions, 2006 and 2008 with the “The New Investigator’s Award” by the American Statistical Association Conference on Radiation and Health. In addition, at every job that I applied my statistical degree and skills stand out and make me more marketable as compared to other candidates. Moreover, I am teaching statistics to non statistical major within the United States as well as abroad.