Want to become a Travel Nurse but don’t have a clue where to start? There are some basic and obvious steps you need to take in order to fulfill your dreams. Each step can be fairly involved and you need to prepare yourself for each. This guide will help direct you in taking the necessary steps that you’ll need to take to becoming a Traveling Nurse.

1. **Earn a Nursing Degree**
   First things first. Arm yourself with either an RN, BSN or MSN degree… The job market is a competitive one, so the more education you have the better chance you have at landing that Travel Nursing dream job.

2. **Get Experienced**
   Hospitals and other healthcare facilities are demanding more qualified Nurses to fill their open position, which usually amounts to around two years worth of clinical experience in a hospital setting.

3. **Decide Where to Go?**
   Now that you’ve gained some valuable experience, it’s now time to think of some cities you’d like to travel to. There are 50 states to choose from, so think of some places you’ve always wanted to visit or move to.

4. **Research Companies**
   Spend some time online comparing the many different Travel Nurse companies available. Each will have similar offerings and benefits like health insurance, but be sure to find the one that can meet your individual needs and goals.

5. **Choose Your Company**
   Once you’ve figured out which company is right for you, either fill out their online contact form or call them directly. Remember, the larger companies may have more assignments to offer but maybe not the service you deserve.

6. **Interview Recruiters**
   This is most important, finding a Recruiter you can relate to and get along with. This person will be your lifeline while you are traveling so you want to make sure they are responsive now before you are out on the road and stuck.

7. **Complete Paperwork**
   Fill out all the necessary forms and paperwork. Have your Resume, References, Skills Checklists, Certifications and Licenses all in check. Now is a great time to update all your credentials and keep them in order for future reference.

8. **Apply for Jobs**
   Now that you’ve narrowed your search of companies and Recruiters it is now time to start deciding which jobs are right for you. Work with your Recruiter to discuss what options are available and find the right fit.

9. **Sit Back & Relax**
   You found a company you’re comfortable with, now let them guide you through the remaining steps (interview/placement process and housing options). After you’ve accepted an assignment, get your affairs in order and pack up!