



Northark, Career Pathways Initiative

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North Arkansas College Career Pathways Student Highlight

Name: Mandy Moore

Major: Registered Nurse, Omaha School District

- What did you do before you came to college?

I was an office manager for a doctor's office.

- What made you decide to come to Northark?

I lived in Harrison and the good things I heard about the nursing programs.

- What scared you most about coming to college?

I started back to school in my mid 30s and married with 2 boys.

- How do you balance going to College and studying for your classes while working too?

I didn't work when I started back getting my pre-requisitions but after I completed the LPN program and started the LPN to RN Bridge program and I worked part-time at a nursing home. I had a husband that was proud of me for going back to class and supported me 100%. He filled in as the missing mom, especially when I started the nursing program (I was MIA about 90% of the time studying because your life ends when you enter the nursing program). I also did a semester of work study at CPI.

- What is your five year plan? Do you plan to continue your education elsewhere?

My five year plan...I planned on getting my BSN, but putting that on hold until I get my oldest son who graduates this year from HHS through college. I am currently a School Nurse at Omaha Schools. I also work at Cox Branson Hospital as Charge Nurse on the weekends. I have been at Cox Branson for 3 years and this is my 2nd school year at Omaha Schools. I love both of my jobs. I see Omaha Schools being in my 5 year plan, if not still doing both jobs.

- Why was Northark a good choice for you?

I lived in Harrison and the great nursing programs they offer.

- What is the best part of going to Northark for you?

The location.

- What advice would you give a new student about how to be successful here?

My advice would be for the mom or dad coming back to school. Please check into the CPI program. They helped me so much with the financial part of college and state fees getting ready for my state board exams. The staff is very supportive from starting college, graduation, to help finding a job and checking on you after you started your career.