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A Former High School Dropout Earns Nursing Degree and Gains Employment

Before Amanda Clewis came to the WIOA Program in 2014, she was a twenty-three year old high school dropout who knew she would need additional education and training to enter into a career field with competitive wages and benefits. So, she enrolled into some adult high school classes and Certified Nursing Assistant Courses (CNA) courses, and began her first steps on her journey to become a nurse.

After earning her Adult High School Diploma and CNA, Amanda enrolled into the WIOA Adult Program in Chatham County through Central Piedmont Community Action for financial assistance towards her education and credentials. As a WIOA participant, Amanda enrolled into the Nursing Degree Program at Central Carolina Community college. Although she found it difficult to complete her training at times, Amanda remained focused and motivated to accomplish her goals.

In May of 2016, Amanda completed her Nursing Degree with a 3.0 grade point average, and was the only individual in her class to pass her state nursing licensure exam on the first try. Now, Amanda is employed fulltime as a registered nurse at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC earning \$21.20 an hour.

Amanda loves working in a career field that allows her to service others while earning a competitive wage, and the TSWDB is proud of Amanda's hard work and accomplishments. In less than three years, Amanda went from a high school dropout out to a registered nurse. She is an excellent example of setting realistic education and training goals, and working hard to achieve them.