

Cara's Story

Cara chose the health care field because she wanted to do what her sister was doing. She chose to enroll in the Health Science program at the Northland Career Center (NCC) in Platte City, Missouri as a high school student. Cara said that even though she felt she was following in her sister's footsteps she realized she actually liked it. She said that the quality of instruction in her secondary program spurred her on to apply for the postsecondary Practical Nursing program at NCC. Cara believes the education she received at the secondary level gave her a head start when she began the Practical Nursing program. "We had covered medical terminology, anatomy and physiology in my high school program so it was easier for me in the PN program."

Cara completed her Practical Nursing training and is working at Gashland Clinic. "I felt comfortable coming to work because my education helped me to hit the ground running. I have had experienced nurses ask me questions, which also reinforces the value of my education."