



Alumni Spotlight

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Sha'Lawnda Griffie

Class of 2014



Sha'Lawnda Griffie is a 2014 graduate of CVCC's Adult Education Full-time Practical Nursing Program, headed by Mrs. Mandula. Sha'Lawnda chose to attend CVCC due to its quality reputation. She specifically notes, "[CVCC's program] has a great reputation in Northeast Ohio for cultivating exceptional nurses."

Sha'Lawnda's favorite part of the nursing program was going to the various clinical locations and being able to apply what she learned in the classroom to real-world situations. A specific memory Sha'Lawnda shared includes, "I was unaware that senior daycare centers existed until I attended nursing school. Being at the center allowed the seniors to socialize and avoid being isolated and lonely as well as receive needed health services and nutritious meals. There was a lot of singing, dancing, and exercising with occasional bingo and card games. I appreciate [the opportunity] to have that experience.'

After Sha'Lawnda graduated from CVCC in June 2014, she went on to pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and obtained her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license in August 2014. Afterward, she started working as a pediatric home health nurse as well as conducting flu shot clinics for local businesses. In 2015, she went on to work in skilled nursing facilities in addition to working as a pediatric home health nurse. While working, Sha'Lawnda started researching LPN to RN bridge programs and by the end of 2018, she had enrolled in one. Sha'Lawnda went on to obtain her associate's degree and RN license in March 2021, as well as her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in October 2021.

Since 2016, Sha'Lawnda has worked for Regina Health Center as a charge nurse for various units including skilled rehab, long-term care, assisted living, and her personal favorite, memory care. Recently, she accepted a position at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center caring for our nation's veterans.

When asked how CVCC has contributed to her success today, Sha'Lawnda exclaims, "My CVCC experience laid an outstanding foundation for my career in nursing. Even before I started the practical nursing program, Mrs. Mandula, as well as all of the School of Nursing, had faith in me and my abilities, and kept me encouraged." What an incredible story; CVCC is thrilled to be a part of your success!

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