

A LIFE *Transformed* Essay Project



Cheryl Track Class of 1988

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Cheryl's Bio

Following graduation from the Schoolcraft College Nursing program, Cheryl has continued to work in the field of nursing in many different roles. Cheryl believes her excellent education at Schoolcraft enabled her to achieve her life goals. She has a flexible career that allows her to put her family first. Currently, she works at a hospital in the ICU and volunteers at her church as a parish nurse. Cheryl and her family live in Sarasota, Florida.



Read Cheryl's original essay below.



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Celebrate Nursing

In high school, I was fortunate to have attended Livonia Public Schools' Career Center in Livonia, Michigan. It was there that I discovered I wanted to be a nurse, a career that would provide me financial independence.

Schoolcraft College made the most sense. I didn't have a lot of money. I needed to get an affordable education and be out working as soon as possible to support myself. Living with my parents until I was thirty wasn't an option! Neither was going to college without knowing where I was headed.

My schooling was made easier with the help of the Chabut Fund Grant that I received in 1985 and 1986, the Kehrl Scholarship that I received in 1986 and 1987, and the Adult Part Time Grant that I received in 1987. I so appreciated my scholarships and I would be honored to have a scholarship in my name awarded to a future Schoolcraft student.

The instructors for the Nursing program were wonderful. I graduated in 1988 with my ADN, associate degree in nursing. I have had a job in nursing ever since. I have been an ICU nurse since graduation. Due to my husband's jobs, we have moved

quite a bit. I feel fortunate for the moves, because I have been able to work in a variety of hospitals. Some have been bigger, some smaller, requiring me to get cross-trained on different units in order to get the hours I needed. Because of my nursing degree, I was able to work in the ER, Psych Unit, GI Lab and the Cath Lab. I have also worked at an Outpatient Surgery Center, as well as a quality assurance company doing case reviews for Medicare. The opportunities in nursing are endless, even in this economy. I am thankful for that.

Family is the main focus at this time in my life. Because of my education, I am able to work at the hospital in the ICU two days a month and volunteer at my church as a Parish Nurse.

I am thankful that Schoolcraft College was there for me and continues to transform lives through the power of education.

Cheryl Track, Class of 1987