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- Pyper Campbell - Trainee Nurse.



Pyper Campbell learns in a Hi Tech Environment

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Pyper is very positive about the opportunities in Nursing

PYPER'S HAPPY STORY IN TRAINING TO BE A NURSE

For some years now a small group of Year 12 students has been successfully completing the versatile two year Certificate III TVET course in Human Services, which allows them to take up paid work as a general nurse as soon as they leave school.

Most go on to train for higher nurse and specialist medical qualifications. This year, Pyper Campbell applied to Notre Dame University for Early Entry into their impressive Nurse Training Degree and just before she commenced her HSC Trial examinations she was made an offer for this, partly on the basis of excellent work in Human Services Certificate Three. Not only has this delightful news been a just reward for a lot of hard work as these students must use some of their vacation time to complete allocations to hospital wards for practical experience, but it has arrived earlier than ever before. This takes much uncertainty and stress out of the end of the HSC year and allows for a smooth transition into tertiary studies. Pyper is overjoyed by this result and we caught up with her to find out more with a few questions.

Thanks for speaking to us Pyper. What got you interested in Nursing?

I have always had a passion to care for people who are sick and in need of my help. Also, probably because some of the members of my family worked in this field, I could see how I could achieve at this.

What do you think makes you suited to a career in Nursing?

I like a wide range and variety of activities to do and nursing provides so much choice. There is always something new and no chance of you ever becoming bored.

Tell us about your work placements so far. What have you enjoyed about them?

Well it has been great meeting so many different people and being exposed to the details of their stories and the way we can help them with their injuries. Not only is this very exciting sometimes but it can be extremely interesting.

What has been tough about this job?

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The pain that people have to go through. It is really hard to see them suffering and a real challenge to know how to help them. You just have to be determined and get on with it and give your very best for them.

How did you respond to the news about your Early Entry offer to Notre Dame?

I was extremely excited by all the opportunities opening up for me and then I became overwhelmed with joy at achieving this. It has always been in my dreams to become a good nurse and now the pathway to this is right there. Great!

What would you say to other students considering this career choice?

This is a wonderful choice to make for a career. Not only is there a huge range of activities and learning challenges involved so that you are always engaged and interested but there is lots of support. You work in teams and everyone helps and that is really encouraging.

Also it is so much fun!

Thanks for sharing this with us Pyper. We note that not only will you have an interesting degree program at Notre Dame with theological training for moral issues to do with Nursing and the very latest in Hi Tech training mannequins and equipment but you also can earn money to support yourself by doing general nursing for which you will be qualified before you leave Year 12! This is a great achievement and congratulations goes to you for this and also the three other girls who will also graduate in this way. Well done Pyper and Tahlia Hackfath, Michelle Ziyambi and Kiesha Griffiths. This is an excellent result for you all and for the College. We are proud of you.

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