

# Lindsay – CNA to BSN



## Lindsay's Story: From CNA to BSN – A Journey Fueled by Passion and Support



**Driven by a deep desire to provide more comprehensive care at the bedside, I made the decision to transition from a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to pursuing my Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Becoming a nurse has always been a dream of mine, and I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to finally follow that path.**

One of the most transformative aspects of this journey has been the support I've received through grant funding. The financial assistance has allowed me to focus more intently on my studies and skill development, rather than worrying about how to afford tuition and living expenses. With the help of the Department of Labor grant, I've been able to reduce my work hours, which has significantly improved my ability to manage coursework, prepare for exams, and maintain a healthy work-school-life balance.

Additionally, the support funds provided through the grant have helped cover essential costs like books and rent, easing the financial burden and allowing me to concentrate fully on becoming the best nurse I can be.

***"This grant has truly been life-changing. I wholeheartedly encourage anyone who qualifies to apply and take advantage of the incredible opportunities it offers."***

## Q&A With Lindsay

**Q: What inspired you to transition from CNA to BSN, and how has grant funding helped you stay focused on your studies while managing other responsibilities?**

**A:** *My inspiration for transitioning from CNA to BSN is truly to provide more in-depth patient care at the bedside. Being a nurse has always been a dream of mine, and I have finally been*

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*allowed to pursue it! The grant funding has helped me to stay focused on my studies, as it helps significantly with my financial responsibilities for school. Lowering the focus on how I pay for school allows me more focus on my courses and skill development. It also allows me to work fewer hours in school to cover my basic living expenses.*

**Q: How has the tuition reimbursement provided by the Department of Labor grant impacted your ability to work on this degree?**

*A: The tuition reimbursement provided by the DOL grant has impacted my ability to work on my degree by allowing me to reduce my hours at work and spend more time studying and focusing on my courses. Without this grant, I believe I would be struggling more with my coursework, exams, and skills. It also reduces the potential burnout I would feel between school and working, and allows me more of a work-school-life balance.*

**Q: Have you utilized any of the support funds available as part of the Department of Labor grant? If so, how has this helped you to be successful as a student and ease the financial burden?**

*A: I have utilized the support funds available with the DOL grant. This has helped cover the cost of books and rent since receiving the grant, and further decreases the financial burden I feel to be able to pay for my daily expenses, medical expenses, and tuition and fees.*

**Additional Comments:**

*This grant has been life-changing for me while pursuing this degree! I recommend anyone who fits the criteria to apply and enjoy the amazing benefits this grant has to offer!*