

Nichole at Turtle Mountain Community College
Project CHOICE

Hello, my name is Nichole Azure. I am a mother of three, a full-time employee at the Bottineau Good Samaritan Nursing Home, and a recent graduate of the LPN program at the Turtle Mountain Community College.

It has been a long and difficult journey in getting to this stage in my life. My goals and dreams in life have always centered on having a career in the healthcare field, but, with the many obstacles I have faced, it has taken me a bit longer than most to get here. I have recently passed my North Dakota state boards for my LPN, which is a great accomplishment. I express my utmost gratitude and appreciation to Project CHOICE in helping me achieve my dreams.

It is always a struggle to afford school, daycare, and the continually rising price of gas. Project CHOICE made it easier for me to attend class full time and receive my degree. They were there for me, not only financially, but also as a place to have any concerns I had addressed and resolved.

It feels amazing to have finally reached a goal of mine after all these years, and to have had the support of Project CHOICE these past two years was a gift. The bonus to this all was that Project CHOICE also provided the funding for my testing fees for state licensure, which I would have been saving for months to afford. Because of Project CHOICE, I now have my LPN degree and license, and not only will I be in a new career as a nurse, but they also gave me the foundation to go on for my RN degree at the University of North Dakota.