



ABHES Graduate Success Story: Pima Medical Institute

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During my senior year of college at the University of Washington in 2006, I decided to enroll in the Phlebotomy program at Pima Medical Institute. I was graduating with a bachelor of science degree in physiology from the University of Washington, but still had no idea what I wanted to do with it. I got a job after graduating from UW and PMI at our local medical laboratory - Tri Cities Laboratory. While in my externship for phlebotomy at one of our local hospitals in Kennewick, WA, I realized I wanted to “do more”; and that’s when I decided to become a nurse. I finished up some pre- requisites at the local community college and then applied to WSU ICN. I was accepted in 2007, and am currently finishing up my second bachelor’s degree. I plan to take the state boards and have my RN license later this year.

If it wasn’t for the Phlebotomy program at PMI, I may never have decided on nursing or even had the thought of nursing as a potential career. Phlebotomy training at PMI was a great stepping stone for my future career as a nurse. Plus, I am one of the best in my class at getting an IV started on the first try!