

I believe that the more I learn here at SLCC, the more I will grow as a person and be able to achieve the success that has eluded me thus far in my professional life. I have been very lucky to have had the amazing opportunity, the blessing, of staying home and raising 4 wonderful kids for the last 14 years, which in itself has been an incredible, invaluable learning process that I will always cherish and that will pay me dividends that will last my entire life. It is time I would not trade for anything because it is something I can never get back. Being with them has taught me so much about the value of life and how precious time is. However, in order for me to be a provider for them and myself, as well as an example, I would like very much to finish school and get a degree as a Nurse or Physical Therapy Assistant. This is not only for financial reasons, but also because it is important to me to feel I've made a difference in during my existence here on this earth. Making the decision to go to SLCC had been a few years in the making as I was always worried about how I would get through. My children are my first responsibility, and they need a lot of love and time, and financially I have been struggling for some time. I was afraid. I did not expect this experience to start out as well as it has. I enjoyed my first semester here so much, and everyone has been so supportive, both at school and at home in my family. Because I am out of practice in dealing with others professionally (aside from my children's teachers and their friends' parents), I am hoping to acquire not just knowledge, but social, emotional and coping skills from my education as well, as it has been what seems like such a long time that I have been out of this element. I believe the learning outcomes established by SLCC will help me immensely in this endeavor, and throughout the course of my tenure here I hope to meet each one of them through hard work, diligence, and the support and knowledge of my teachers and fellow students. It is a work in progress that has just begun, but I am optimistic!