

Mr. Casey Goines

Nominated by Shawnee Development Council, Inc.
Case Manager – Victor Duckworth

Casey Goines first visited Shawnee Development Council's WIA office in the summer of 2011. He had completed pre-requisite classes and had been admitted to the nursing program at Shawnee Community College.



Casey was 20 years old and living with his grandparents in Vienna. He had been working for 2 years as a grill cook at the Vienna Dairy Queen and also had some experience working on his grandfather's farm, but Casey had dreams and wanted to achieve more. Those dreams would take him through two years of hard work and serious studies into the career of his dreams.

While in the nursing program, Casey met many challenges and worked with the college staff and his WIA case manager to meet those challenges head on. He participated in the tutoring program provided by the nursing program and relied on the WIA program to help him meet needs include uniforms, car repairs and expenses of traveling to his clinical rotations in neighboring states. Because health insurance is required to participate in the nursing program, WIA also assisted him with that expense. In addition to the burdens of classes, clinical rotations and necessary study time, Casey also participated in the youth work experience component at Choate Mental Health in Anna.

Casey completed the entire nursing program and graduated from Shawnee Community College with an Advanced Degree Nursing credential in May 2013. He has gained licensure as both a Licensed Practical Nurse and a Registered Nurse in the state of Illinois and is employed as a Registered Nurse at Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis earning \$25 per hour. October will be a busy month for Casey as he will begin online classes at Indiana Wesleyan University to earn his B.S.N. degree and will also be getting married.

Casey has worked very hard and has many accomplishments of which he can be proud. He is an example to young people everywhere of just what one can achieve in a short period of time and he has done it all by the ripe old age of 22!