

Blake Schuchardt

Illinois workNet Center - Harrisburg

Case Manager: Ronda Glenn

Blake Schuchardt of Eddyville, Illinois came into the Harrisburg Worknet Center in August 2009 to find out about his unemployment benefits. Blake was still employed but had a letter of layoff from a Kentucky employer. After Case Manager, Ronda Glenn helped determine his steps for filing for unemployment; they discussed his options for school. Blake had completed all the pre-reqs for the LPN program at Southeastern Illinois College, and had been accepted into the Practical Nursing Program for the Fall 2009. Blake was eligible under the Dislocated Worker program. He was enrolled in regular Dislocated Funds and dual-enrolled in Recovery Dislocated Worker Funds.

Blake's first semester at Southeastern Illinois College was a bit of a wakeup call. He passed all five classes with 'C', but decided he needed to do better. His next semester's grades improved to 'A' and 'B'. Since Blake was drawing unemployment from Kentucky which pays less than Illinois, Mid-5 helped with supportive service for Blake while attending school so he could concentrate on his grades. Blake had also completed his RN pre-reqs and had been accepted for the RN program in the Fall of 2010.

Blake had now earned his LPN and RN degree but the real work was just starting, job hunting. Blake was able to start his nursing career at Carrier Mills Nursing home as an LPN making \$13.75 when he was exited from the program. During the first quarter follow-up, Blake informed Mid-5 that he was now working for Shawnee Correction Center making \$21.50 an hour as LPN with hopes of advancing up to a RN after the first of the year. He stated once again the best thing he ever did was to come into the Mid-5 office.

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