

THEA DANE HOLLAND

Nominated by: Shawnee Development Council, Inc.
Case Manager: Tiana Reeves

Thea Holland first came to Shawnee Development Council in October 2014. She had been attending Shawnee Community College in the Licensed Practical Nurse part-time program. The 31 year old mother of a 4 year old son was a Phillipine native and had been widowed in 2012. She had no prior work experience and had been totally dependent on her late husband. She and her son were living on \$688 per month in Social Security Survivor's benefits coupled with Food Stamps.

The director of the nursing program had written a letter on her behalf and referred her to Shawnee Development Council for services. Child care and extra transportation expenses to the clinical sites were a burden on her already limited funds.

Transcripts for prior college coursework proved that Thea was an excellent student and she scored exceptionally well on the TABE tests. Thea was enrolled in both the Adult and Dislocated Worker program.

Thea proved to be a very conscientious WIA participant. She did very well in her classes and she always submitted her paperwork in a timely manner, carefully and thoroughly completed. Thea completed the L.P.N. program in July and passed her Illinois State Board of Nursing exam to obtain licensure. She is employed at Anna Rehab as a Licensed Practical Nurse earning \$17.00 an hour.

We have every confidence Thea will be an outstanding nurse. In addition WIA and SNAP Thea received small Pell grants and FSEOG funding and received LIHEAP services.



***SDC CONGRATULATIONS THEA ON HER
WELL DESERVED SUCCESS!***