



Meet Rachel Fish!

Seneca County Workforce Development

Rachel was referred to the WIA Youth Program by the Seneca County Youth Bureau Coordinator. She was 18 and going to be a senior at Waterloo High School. She was enrolled into the WIA Youth Program in August 2010 and began a paid work experience as a Staff Helper at Seneca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Rachel worked during her senior year to save money for college, and was hired by Seneca Nursing in May of 2011. She graduated from high school that June, and continued at Seneca Nursing until starting college at SUNY Canton in August. During her college breaks, Rachel continues to be employed by Seneca Nursing.

After successfully completing her first year of college, Rachel enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training in May, 2012. She earned the CNA certification and NYS license on 6/30/12. Her wage has increased at least \$2.00 more an hour since obtaining her CNA license.

Rachel obtained her NYS Driver's License and her goal of owning a vehicle has come to fruition. She purchased her own vehicle and paid for the repairs to get it on the road. Rachel will be completing her second year of college this spring. She is pursuing the Veterinarian Technician degree. Rachel has overcome several barriers to reach her goals. We are all extremely proud of her.

Rachel stated, "Workforce helped me find employment through the paid work experience program. Without experience it was hard to find a job and Workforce gave me that opportunity to get started and gain experience. I am still working at Seneca Nursing & Rehab when home from college and I received my CNA certification. With this certification, it has allowed me to earn more money so I can help pay my way through college. "