



ABHES Graduate Success Story: Pima Medical Institute

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Ever since I can remember, I have wanted to find a profession where I could help people and try to make a difference in their lives. I had always struggled with insecurities and thinking that I was not smart enough to get through school. I enrolled in the Medical Assistant program at the Tucson PMI campus and graduated in 1978. I enjoyed a wonderful instructional experience at PMI. Their encouraging instructors gave me the skills and confidence I needed in life, as well as in the school. Their faith and belief in me have stayed with me. Years later, I continued my pursuit of education so I could build on my knowledge and skills from PMI, and I received my LPN degree. Not too long ago, at the age of 43, I continued my education further and went back to school to earn my RN. During the sometimes challenging and difficult three years in school, I remembered my time at PMI and recalled the instructors' help and encouragement. My PMI instructors not only helped me develop my MA skills, but also helped me overcome my insecurities so I could obtain my goal and graduate. I am pleased to say that I passed my State Boards in 2004 and have become a nationally certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse. I am currently employed as a hospice nurse at a wonderful place, Casa de la Luz, in Tucson. I am now living my dream of trying to help make a difference in others' lives, and it all began 28 years ago when I made the decision to go to Pima Medical Institute.