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Graduate Success Story

“The Teacher Who Cares”

Ms. Sharon Fielding, 1988 Medical Assistant Graduate, Ross Medical Education Center

Sharon Fielding has been an instructor at Ross Medical Education Center for 19 years, she says, because she loves witnessing the huge transformation students make in just seven months.

“Most students come to Ross knowing almost nothing about the medical profession, but when they leave, they’re fully prepared for a successful career,” Fielding said. “But, just as important, they leave with a great deal of self-confidence, knowing they can succeed and accomplish anything they want to accomplish.”

In fact, Fielding, herself, enrolled in the Medical Assistant program at Ross in the late 1980s, after seeing one of the school’s commercials on TV. At the time, she was a 39 year-old widow with two children. Her children had been “hinting” that now would be a good time to embark on a fresh career path. In fact, her daughter said, “Mom, this is exactly what you need. You need to start helping other people.”

Upon completing the coursework and a 180-hour externship, Fielding has spent the last 20 years working for a local doctor, who rewarded her 20 years of dedicated service with a new car.

Fielding gladly shares the secret to her success as an instructor. “To teach at Ross, you have to know your field, but you also have to care about the person. Teachers here build rapport with students, and the students feel it very quickly.” She makes sure that she arrives on campus a half-hour prior to the start of class so that she can work one-on-one with any students who have questions.

“Of course,” she continues, “We help students outside of the classroom, too. The staff at Ross assists students with financial aid, child care, and transportation. It’s an institution-wide approach that makes us feel like a family.”