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My name is **Ashley Nicholson**. I was a 19-year-old single mother barely getting by, when I entered the Radiography program at Pima Medical Institute. Without a steady income and depending heavily on government assistance, I was unsure how to go about funding my education; but, the financial aid office at Pima showed me that it was possible. I was thrilled to get in and wanted to take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

The program was extremely demanding and very challenging, but it needed to be that way and I learned so much. At the beginning I, as well as my instructors, was unsure I would make it, but under their tutelage I rose to the challenge. The externships were wonderful. I was exposed to many healthcare environments, and it really resonated with what I was learning in class. Before I even finished the two-year program, I was hired as a student technologist at a hospital in town. Upon graduation, I was hired as a full-time diagnostic imaging technician. For the past three years, I have been working steadily in a career I love. I am even a volunteer in my professional organization.

Recently, Pima Medical Institute provided the opportunity for me to continue working while completing my Bachelor of Science degree online. I have just completed the BSRS program, which, although rigorous, provided me with a user-friendly and convenient way to attain my bachelor's while still working full-time. I can truly say Pima has changed my life! Now my family and I are doing better than ever, and we are buying our dream home together. It was a really smart decision to enroll in such a great program with wonderful instructors. I am so glad I did it!

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