

## Why did you choose your degree and what do you enjoy the most about it?

I had always loved the idea of nursing, and always put nurses on a pedestal. As a mum of three, I thought that I could do anything, so I tried it. I love helping people and love that for as many days I will be at work, I may make a difference in someone's life.

## How important is having the CUC in your local town to you and why?

I live over an hour from campus, so I loved the convenience of something so close to study at, I often went to the local library, but it did not always provide what was needed.

## Are there any challenges that you face as an online regional student?

Once COVID hit and we did not have a chance to go on campus my passion was affected, I needed that quiet study environment, and it was lost. CUC was that for me in 2021. It was also nice to have that support knowing others were there with me.

## What advice would you give to other regional and rural people who are considering higher education?

Seek as much help as possible, learning support, peer support, academic support and mental support. Its all out there and it can make you journey much easier.

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