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Student: Shelsea Machema

OCVTS Program: Medical Assisting

Instructor: Marlene Damon

Employer: Thompson Healthcare and Sports Medicine, Brick, NJ

Website: NJChiroSport.com

Class of: 2012
Center: Toms River

In Shelsea's own words: Five years ago, I graduated from OCVTS. My first year after graduating, I was hired by Thompson Healthcare and Sports Medicine. With the help of Mrs. Damon and her medical assisting class, I had the opportunity to grow as an individual and build the confidence to communicate well with patients. I assisted them by answering their questions regarding scheduling, billing and patient care. I would really like to thank OCVTS for helping me become a leading candidate when Thompson Healthcare and Sports Medicine hired me five years ago. Today, I was promoted to an office manager.

Courtney Thompson, Director of Public Relations and Media for Thompson Healthcare and Sports Medicine, was quick to add, "Shelsea Machema has been a standout ever since she came from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School. Any position that she has obtained, she has gone above and beyond in it, and that was certainly noticed! Shelsea's work ethic, amazing disposition and team mentality have all been great reasons why she was elevated to higher positions within our company. She started at the front desk and therapy staff member, and was quickly promoted to front desk supervisor. From there, she excelled with patient care and the flow of the office.



Shelsea did such a stellar job, she was given her own office to run this August. We admire that no task is too large or small for Shelsea. We look forward to her continue success, the growth she will bring to our Brick location and we are thrilled that she is a part of our team!"

"Marlene Damon was elated to hear of Shelsea's promotion and commented, "Shelsea came into my medical assisting class as an extremely quiet student. As she developed into a young lady and returned for her second year of clinical studies, she became outgoing and very involved in class activities. Shelsea competed in HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) and won 2nd place in the state competition. She attended the HOSA National Leadership Conference. These leadership skills, her medical assisting knowledge and skills that she acquired while attending OCVTS, has lead her in the accomplishments and management position she now holds at Thompson Healthcare and Sports Medicine. It has been rewarding for me to see Shelsea progress in the field of medical assisting."