

Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Working in the Field

Sharing Success Stories



Student's Name: Chymem Johnson

OCVTS Program: Practical Nursing

Instructors: Lora Lynn Strazzella, Kimberly Deem and Gail Buchter

Employer: Epic Health Services, Toms River, NJ

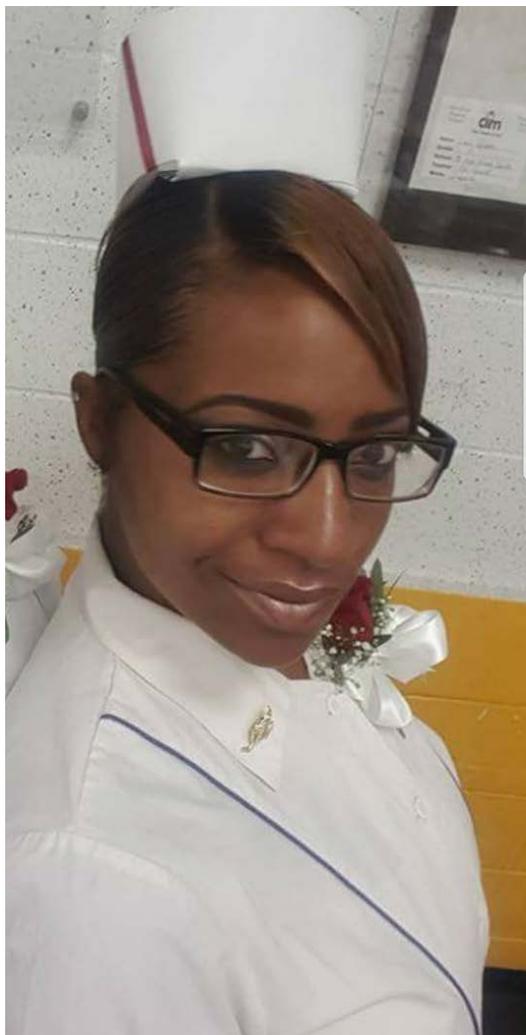
Class of: 2016

Center: Toms River

High School: Lakewood

In Chymem's own words: Ever since I was three years old, I knew that I wanted to be a nurse. Coming to OCVTS was the best decision I could have made. For years, I was living paycheck to paycheck with three children; I had to make sure that I could take care of them, and be a good role model for them too. At first, I had some difficulty understanding the material. I remember crying to the teachers thinking that I failed, but it was their faith in me that helped me to achieve my goals. So now, I come back every year to talk to the students and offer hope and encouragement to someone else who may feel like they cannot do it. I would not be a Licensed Practical Nurse today if it were not for Mrs. Deem, Mrs. Strazzella and Mrs. Buchter. If I could, I would do it all over again!

I really like my position at Epic Health Services. I feel that the people in this company care about their staff. They are flexible with the hours. They are willing to work with you. Everyone is very helpful and knowledgeable in his or her field. I would recommended this company as a good place to work. I have referred my friends and fellow graduates to work at Epic.



"Epic Health Services is a home health care agency that provides nursing care in the home setting. Chymem is currently working as an LPN. She is an excellent nurse who likes a challenge. She likes to take on new cases, and is always eager to educate patients and at the same time learn new things. Her clinical assessments and documentations are always thorough. You can tell she loves being a nurse because she does not think of it as a job. Chymem is always advocating for her patients to make their lives better and to improve their care," kind words from Preeti Campanella, her supervisor at Epic Health Services.

"The Practical Nursing Program at OCVTS is designed to prepare students to take the LPN licensing exam and establish a career as a LPN. After successful completion of the program, students will take the NCLEX exam to obtain a LPN license. Our program incorporates classroom, laboratory and clinical instruction, which prepares them to enter into the practical nursing field. Our students find employment in hospitals, medical offices, nursing and hospice facilities, and home health care agencies. Chymem completed our intensive hands-on ten-month Practical Nursing Program in 2016. She was an excellent student. She displayed solid critical thinking skills, a mature attitude, and showed good judgment both in the classroom and in clinical area. Chymem also had excellent interpersonal skills and a good rapport with her patients. With great joy, I nominate Chymem Johnson as a LPN success story." Lora Lynn Strazzella, Instructor.

Chymem Johnson, Licensed Practical Nurse