

## Malika Glenn

### Class of 2024



Congratulations to Malika Glenn, who recently earned her Adult Diploma by completing CVCC's State Tested Nursing Aide program! However, her path to obtaining her diploma was not without its challenges. She first attempted to earn her diploma just before the COVID-19 pandemic, but when the pandemic hit, it brought unexpected obstacles that made the journey difficult. It wasn't until Malika saw an advertisement for the Adult Diploma Program at CVCC on her Facebook that she decided to give it another try. After things settled down post-COVID, she thought, "Okay, I'll give this a shot."

Malika's dual enrollment in the State Testing Nursing Aide program and the Adult Diploma Program came with its own hurdles. "I had to retake the math portion of the required WorkKeys pre-entrance exam because I missed the required score by just one point," Malika explained. "It was frustrating, and I wanted to give up, but I didn't—and I'm so glad I stuck with it!"

Now a proud graduate, Malika is enrolled in CVCC's full-time Practical Nursing program, with the goal of pursuing a nursing career. She was especially excited to share her achievement with her 10-year-old daughter. "She's one of the main reasons I did this," Malika said. Looking ahead, Malika hopes to move to South Carolina and start her own group home. "I work with and have a heart for people with physical and mental disabilities, and I'd love to run my own practice."

Malika attributes much of her success to Delbra Pace (BSN, RN), CVCC's State Tested Nursing Aide instructor. "Mrs. Pace was not just an amazing teacher; she also encouraged me to walk down the hall to the nursing department and explore my options after finishing the State Tested Nursing Aide program."

Malika has this advice for others thinking about earning their diploma: "Don't give up. It took me some time to get here, but keep pushing forward. If you choose CVCC, the Adult Education department will be there for you every step of the way. They're dedicated to your success and will make sure you don't fail."

Congratulations, Malika! We are incredibly proud of you and excited to see all that you achieve.

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