

# Dana Schulz



## **Why did you choose older adult services as a career?**

I choose to work in geriatrics because of my interest in learning to care for others. As a nineteen year old at the time of beginning my career in adult services, I had no idea what was in store for me. After working as a nurse's aid for a year and obtaining my LPN, I knew I wanted to stay right where I was and work at the same facility. In the nursing home I work for, I am able to get to know the residents and interact with them on a daily basis day after day. I love coming to work and seeing the same familiar faces everyday and being knowledgeable on their condition and health status. I believe it greatly benefits myself to work in a nursing home because every day my skills are tested and I learn something new every day. Working in adult services has been a pleasure of mine, and I look forward to every day of nursing.

## **What do you want to do with your life within the older adult services profession?**

I also have an interest in home care services. I really would like to stay in older adult services because of the care I am able to give and the experience. I truly think that all my skills I have learned in school have been used in geriatrics. It would be a dream of mine to continue my nursing career in older adult services.

## **How do you hope to impact the profession?**

I hope to impact nursing by showing compassionate and respectful care. I pride myself on having good customer service at work and I think it is very important to treat my patients the way I would want to be treated. So, every day I strive to be respectful not only to my patients but also to my coworkers. I try the best everyday to make sure all my patients' needs are being met and that steps are being made to improve care in necessary. I hope I can impact others the way I would want to be impacted, by acting compassionate and respectful.