

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY



Graduating from high school 25 years ago as a single teenage mother my focus wasn't on what career path I should follow, it was "I need a job to support my daughter and myself." I started working for a health insurance company pretty much right out of school for almost 15 years until I got married and moved to Wisconsin. I lived there for 4 years before moving to New Hampshire. The jobs I got while I lived in Wisconsin and when we first moved to New Hampshire were office type positions because that was what I knew. For many years I was struggling because I was unhappy with my career. I knew I had to do something because I was miserable and didn't feel I was giving a 100% to my work anymore.

My husband and I had many conversations about this but the only thing I knew for sure was that I wanted to help people but didn't know how I wanted to go about it. Until one day I was looking in the mirror and was noticing some fine lines that seemed to develop around my eyes as I had gotten

older. As this was displeasing to me, it did bring me to the answer I had been looking for. I immediately did research on skin care and what an esthetician was and did.

Before I knew it, I had an appointment set up at Laird Institute of Spa Therapy. After meeting with Suzan and the owner, Diane Laird, I was impressed with the school and knew this is where I needed to be. They were so helpful during the enrollment process, answering any questions I had and making me feel at ease knowing I was nervous about starting school at 40 years old. My nerves and worries melted away once I started school because I had a great group of classmates and I can't say enough about the instructors. They are all knowledgeable, helpful and, for me, they made learning a fun experience.

I had enrolled in the 900-hour Advanced Esthetic program which I started in the beginning of 2013. Before completing the esthetics program I decided to enroll in the nail program to be duly licensed knowing it was going to make me more marketable. During my schooling for both esthetics and nails I was amazed how much I learned and all the wonderful hands-on training we received. We couldn't have been better prepared when it came to state boards; they want their students to be successful. There is also an instructor who helps you put your resume together and posts jobs that are available.

A month before finishing nails I saw a position available for the salon & spa I was hoping to work at when I finished school. I sent my resume and cover letter and got an

interview within a few days. When I met with the owner for my interview she was impressed with my professionalism, the skills I had developed from school and that I was duly licensed. She had pretty much offered me the position during the interview, but I got the official job offer a few days later. I thank Laird Institute for the knowledge and confidence they instilled in me. I have been working at Wicked Salon & Spa in Goffstown, NH for over a year now and love going to work and doing what makes me happy.

Since working at Wicked as the Esthetician giving facials I get positive feedback from clients about my facial massage, my touch and the energy they felt from my touch. This got me thinking about getting my massage license. I knew Laird Institute was starting their massage program and I didn't have a doubt where the best school would be to get my training. I am currently half way through the massage program at Laird and looking forward to clinic opening in July.

I have no reservations about recommending Laird Institute of Spa Therapy for anyone looking to have a career in Esthetics, Nails or Massage. It has changed my life for the better. Your success has to do with caring about what you do because it shows and will make you successful.

