

## **Career Direct ~ Client Testimonial for Kim Willson**

I was able to participate in an assessment and consultation through Career Direct with Mrs. Kim Willson as my consultant, and I am so glad that I did. I can honestly say that it helped me tremendously in determining my career path as it provided me with so much clarity as to the type of career that God has truly designed me to pursue. I was not the kind of person to instantly know what I wanted to do with my life ever since I was young, in fact, it was a topic that always scared me a little bit as I could not imagine picking one thing to do for the rest of my life. In my junior year of high school is when I really began to start thinking about what I may want as a career. One thing that piqued my interest was firefighting/paramedic work, but after discussing this path and others, I ended up being persuaded that nursing may be a better option for me to pursue.

Last year around this time, I began nursing school with the intention of giving it my absolute all, even though I didn't feel very confidently that I wanted to pursue that. After I finished my first semester, I determined that it was not a perfect fit for me and that I wanted to pursue other options. During this time, I was feeling pretty confused as to what I should do and how I would be able to determine the correct path to take; this is when Career Direct and Mrs. Willson came into play. After I told her about my predicament, she reached out to me and asked me if I would like to complete an assessment and then consult with her over the results, so I gladly agreed to doing so. After completing the assessment, we met up to discuss my results and I was pleasantly surprised to discover my results. After going over the results, she was able to talk to me about the many talents and gifts God has specifically given to me and the types of careers that these factors would support. Firefighting was at the top of my list. After thinking about and praying about it, I decided to jump in and pursue firefighting hard and heavy, once again giving it my all.

I am now currently volunteering with my local fire department and have also just recently been hired by Apex Fire Department, where I will be working full time. I have absolutely loved every minute spent at the firehouse and am so extremely thankful for the encouragement and support I received from Mrs. Willson and the Career Direct program as a whole. I would highly recommend going through the process to anyone who may be unsure about their career, or just want a little extra push in the right direction. ~ Gracie George