

Ed-Co Alumni

Jill (Bockenstedt) Wood - Class of 1997

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Jill Wood, formerly Jill Bockenstedt, is meeting her goals. Jill graduated in the class of 1997. She lives in Plainview, Minnesota and is a registered nurse. Following graduation, she entered the workforce. She worked at IBM and later got a new job at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Jill was looking for a free education and a job that she could make good money at with only two years of schooling. Her favorite part about Ed-Co was the teachers. When asked what advice she would give to high school students she said, "There are still many places that pay for your schooling. Be aggressive and keep your eyes open to options. There is no hurry. My first job was at IBM in manufacturing and it was a blast! I worked full time and took one or two classes a semester and they paid for it. I did my schooling at my own pace. I ended up going to Mayo Clinic and finished up my Nursing degree. There are many jobs you can get by walking in off the street, in hospital settings. Work hard and leave a mark! Keep your grades up because many college programs are getting competitive. Work your way up in the workplace and at school. Walk away with a degree that was paid for by the company with job experiences to boot. Living on your own is expensive so roommates are the way to go! There are so many families that need help caring for kids so that is a great option to look into. Find a rich family and pay partial rent for help caring for kids or running them to activities after work. Get to know people and the community where you reside. You will be amazed after years pass, who you will turn back to for help. Don't be afraid to travel and break out of your comfort zone because you will never regret it! Good luck on your adventures;)." This Viking got resourceful to reach her dreams. Jill is a Viking for life!