



MAJOR *Spotlight*

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WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?

I chose dietetics because I have always been interested in the importance of eating healthy and the amazing way food can affect our bodies. After earning a bachelor's degree in nutrition elsewhere, and working in sales, I realized dietetics was my true passion. I decided to return to school because I wanted a career as a registered dietitian. Madonna was one of the few schools that offered the program, and I'm happy to be here.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY AS TO HOW YOUR MAJOR CHOICE HAS BENEFITED YOUR EMPLOYABILITY OPTIONS.

I currently work at Garden City Hospital as a nutrition assistant. I know my dietetics major helped me get this position, and that it will continue to offer me more opportunities in the future.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE OTHER STUDENTS?

Do not worry if you don't make the perfect career choice right away. It takes time to realize your true passion -- you may have more than one! Take advantage of different opportunities that come your way because each one is a learning experience, and you never know what you will gain from them.

BETWEEN NOW AND GRADUATION, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GAIN ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE OR SKILLS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR FIELD?

As I near completion of my degree program, I plan to stay on track and learn as much as I can in my last classes. I also want to volunteer for a program called Cooking Matters where I can help teach healthy eating to families on a budget. At the same time, I will continue working as a nutrition assistant to gain more experience.

HOW CAN MADONNA UNIVERSITY HELP YOU PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION?

Studying at Madonna University has been a wonderful experience. The staff genuinely cares about the students and their success. I have met so many amazing, bright students and teachers who have changed my life. A Madonna education prepares you for the future by making you more educated, confident, and well-rounded. I also think that Madonna's Alumni Association is a great way to stay connected with the University and keep informed about different opportunities.



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