

WOODWARD, Okla. (March 8, 2022) – Stormy Allen’s dreams have become reality, thanks to the practical nursing program at High Plains Tech Center.

Allen first had an interest in nursing back in 1999, but put her desire on the backburner as she raised her children. Once her children were grown, she said, she was ready to do something for herself, so at 45 years old she went back to school.

Allen credits her instructors with helping her get through the program, adding that she was really insecure and had a lot of self-doubt from being out of school for so many years.

“Stormy is a nontraditional student determined to make her dream a reality,” said Micky McDonald, HPTC PN director. “She worked hard in the classroom and clinical sites. I am very proud to see Stormy succeed and find her passion in the variety of job opportunities that nursing provides!”

Allen was recently promoted to lead nurse at Woodward County jail and said she loves her job. Everything she learned in the program comes back in each situation that arises, she said.

“Jail is a different setting and it takes special character to do the nursing job,” said Kaylie Vang, jail administrator. “You have to have the ability to be stern and follow protocols, and she puts up with a lot and handles it very well. She’s a heck of a nurse and by far one of the best ones I’ve seen in the five years I’ve been working here.”

As it did for Allen, High Plains Technology Center can help turn dreams into reality. HPTC is proud to share her success story and the positive impact she is making in the Woodward community.