

Early leaver now a High School Graduate and Native Nursing Program Student Star Quequish



“I never thought change could have such a positive impact until I made it.”

Goal – To complete her OSSD and enroll in Lakehead University’s Nursing program.

Before

- Negative experiences as a foster child led to dropping out of school early.
- Struggled with addictions and depression
- First language is Oji-Cree
- Moved from Round Lake First Nation to Dryden with her husband and children

After

- Successfully completed her OSSD
- Gave the valedictory address to her graduating class in 2014
- Accepted into Lakehead University’s Native Nurses Entry Program

How

- Enrolled with her husband in KPDSB – 7 Generations Adult Education partnership
- Obtained credits through the PLAR process
- Attended class regularly and sought extra help from on-site teachers
- Successfully completed the prerequisite Chemistry and Biology courses