

# Wendy Shelton



Wendy Shelton is an avid learner and caretaker. Pursuing her degree in Respiratory Therapy, Wendy was inspired by changing times and her two sons, who each have Bachelor of Science degrees, to return to school for her BSRT. She states, “they are such an inspiration to me I decided in return to be an inspiration to both of them”. Respiratory Therapists will be required to hold their BSRT in the year 2020, so this change in the field also fueled Wendy’s return to UNC-Charlotte. Although she would have been grandfathered into the field without her degree, Wendy insisted that her love of learning and desire to “be at the top of my game” were also factors for her return!



Wendy had some reservations at first about returning as an adult student but explains how the process of returning was easy and can be attributed to the help of some faculty here at the University. She shares with us her initial concerns and insights about the program here:

“I was afraid at the beginning but I knew I could do this, and the first time I met Dr. Coyle and Dr. Troxell they were very encouraging to me and inspired me to give this a try. The hardest part was the technical part, I made mistakes in the beginning but Dr. Coyle and Dr. Troxell encouraged me not to give up, the technical issues will work themselves out, and they did. Online classes are awesome and the distance education is great, as long as you keep up and ask questions, an adult learner will be just fine”.

Her words of advice for other adult students who are in the crossroads of deciding if they want to return or not are “If I can do this, anyone with the mindset to better themselves can return and achieve their goals”. Wendy’s next steps are to set a career goal in case management where she would love to work in a LTAC facility. She would love to hopefully retire from case management, and then spend time take care of her grandchildren in the future.

Wendy’s favorite saying is "Time goes by no matter what you are doing, so make it count".

We hope you’ve enjoyed reading more about Wendy, one of our many talented adult students. As she continues on her path toward graduation in May 2017, we wish her the best of luck and commend her on her journey as an Adult Student!

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