

## **Michelle Hile**

### **Leader at the Excel Center & Plans to Become a Nurse**

Michelle dropped out of high school due to being the victim of domestic violence. After obtaining a restraining order, she did not feel safe going to school. Michelle is a single mother with two children and one of the children has severe health issues. In addition to being the children's primary caretaker, Michelle worked mostly in the fast food industry. As her son's health has improved, Michelle decided it was time to focus on her personal goals of furthering her education and bettering her family's life.

Michelle began her journey at the Columbia Excel Center in October 2019. Michelle was a leader at the Excel Center. She volunteered to help others who were struggling and advocated for change when necessary. In classes, Michelle was engaged, she asked great questions and was invested in her education. She took the maximum class load available to her. When times were tough, Michelle showed that determination and persistence pays off! She pushed through difficult assignments, difficult days, and difficult classes. She graduated in May of 2020 with a 3.5 GPA.

While attending The Excel Center, Michelle never lost sight of her goals. She always talked about becoming a nurse. She has recently applied to Moberly Area Community College (MACC) and will start her Associate in Arts degree this fall. Her background taking care of her son will provide a great foundation for her clinical experience as a nurse. She is looking forward to a challenging yet rewarding career in Healthcare.



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