

Success Story

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Marlene Padilla completes Master's Degree

Marlene Padilla, a Spanish Speaking Public Health Nurse with the ECDOH, has just completed her Master's Degree in Nursing Education from D'Youville College. Her thesis was titled, "Adolescents and Treatment for Latent Tuberculosis (TB) Infection." Marlene has overcome many challenges to complete her degree. She will be attending her graduation ceremony on May 17, 2008 and will bring her two daughters with her to show them that nothing should stop them from pursuing their education.

Marlene brings an extra skill to the ECDOH as she is fluent in the Spanish language. This skill allows Marlene to communicate with and educate non-English speaking clients resulting in better comprehension and better health outcomes for the patients.

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