

We Are the Three Musketeers



Three friends graduate together: Hyacinth Bewry (writer), Bellkiss Sappleton, and Jane Ranger-Cameron

by Hyacinth Bewry

For the past nine and a half years, I have been employed at West Hartford Health and Rehabilitation Center in Connecticut as a Certified Nursing Assistant working third shift, 11pm-7am. It is not an easy shift to work. There are times when I don't want to get out of my bed. I have to push myself at night to get going.

I chose this job because I don't have the degree to go and work in one of those big law offices. They require a high school diploma or a bachelor's degree. So I had to choose the certified nursing assistant's job where the training program only went for six weeks. After that I knew I would be able to get a job, and I could be of help to the elderly residents who could not care for themselves the way they wanted to. Everyone cannot be a doctor, teacher,

lawyer, nurse or dentist. Someone has to be there for the elderly people to care for them.

I am in school to make something better of my life. It is not easy going to school after I have worked all night. In the morning I have to rush home and take my son to school. After dropping him off, I go back home and get myself ready for class. It is very challenging for me trying to balance

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It is now one year and three months since my friend and I started this class (she works third shift with me at the nursing home) and I don't regret it one bit. At one point, my

