



First Nations woman Kristy-Lee: inspired to become a nurse



Kristy-Lee Williams, a proud First Nations mother of three, was inspired to begin a Bachelor of Nursing with Charles Sturt University after her first child was born.

“I had my son at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital and was amazed by the registered nurses and midwives. They were beautiful, caring and supportive. And I thought being a midwife would be the most amazing and rewarding career. So I decided to become a registered nurse and midwife.”

The Bachelor of Nursing helped Kristy-Lee prepare to work in health care, connecting her to industry and regional and metropolitan communities. And while nursing students can choose the flexibility that online learning offers, Kristy-Lee opted to study on campus.

“My uni day started with doing the school drop-off. Then I’d attend lectures, tutorials or lab classes.”

There was plenty of time to get hands-on during her studies. There’s a simulation hospital ward, part task training area, debriefing room and labs.

Kristy-Lee was also encouraged by the support she got during her studies.

“I was so grateful to receive an Indigenous Health Scholarship. It helped me greatly with university costs such as textbooks and placements.”

Also at Charles Sturt, you can register for First Nations Student Connect. It gives you access to a range of support: Request a subject tutor, set up a personalised plan, or have a yarn with a First



A graduate of nursing, Kristy-Lee Williams.

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Nations student adviser. From disability services, counselling, academic skills help and library services to scholarships and financial assistance, they’re ready to help.

Want more support? Join a Connect Session to meet other First Nations students and staff. Or

drop into a First Nations Student Centre on campus, like Kristy-Lee.

“I used the First Nations Student Centre (Ngungilanna) every day! I’d go to work on assignments, but it was like a second home to me. The staff and students became like family.

“I will forever be grateful for the

support they provided.”

Like 94% of Charles Sturt nursing grads, Kristy-Lee had a full-time job within four months of graduating.*

“I was offered a position at the Wagga hospital straight after I graduated, which was very exciting.

“I hope to inspire other women, particularly Indigenous women, to follow their dreams. And I would love to make a difference. Help improve and close the gap in Indigenous health, be an advocate and provide culturally appropriate care to my people.”

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