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***LaSha Harris, Associate in Arts, College Transfer
TRiO-Student Support Services***

Not getting into the nursing program at CCC turned out to be a good thing for UNC-Charlotte student LaSha Harris. Harris says the setback forced her to reevaluate her long term goals. “I sat down with my advisor, Melody Heflin, and she told me I was only ten hours away from an Associate in Arts degree and I should really consider transferring to a four-year institution.”

As a first-generation college student Harris was also eligible to become part of the TRiO-Student Support Services program. This program allowed her to visit college campuses around the state and get the help she needed in filling out and submitting admissions applications. “As a student at CCC I knew my instructors and advisors really cared about my success and pushed me to do things I never thought I could do. They saw potential in me, that I didn’t see,” she adds.

Harris also credits CCC for getting her ready for life at a large university by preparing her academically, socially and personally and says that as a CCC student she took advantage of the many workshops offered through the Student Success Center. “Adjusting to life at a large university is not easy, but I had all the tools I needed and felt prepared. I remembered the things I learned in the time management, healthy relationships, and stress awareness workshops I took advantage of and that information has helped me tremendously,” Harris says.

Today, LaSha Harris is thriving as she continues to work toward completing her Bachelor’s degree in Social Work at UNC-Charlotte and says she is pursuing a degree she loves and has no regrets about not getting into nursing school. “I am earning a degree in a field I am passionate about and I thank CCC for giving me the start to a successful education.”

