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Roxanne Stiles, Associate in Applied Science, Accounting

When Roxanne Stiles had her sights set on becoming a certified public accountant she got her start at CCC. Working at Arey Co. in Shelby, Stiles says the proximity of the college to her work made it easy to head to class when she got off and the cost of tuition fit right in line with what she could afford since becoming a CPA required 150 hours of college credit. “At CCC I didn’t feel like I was getting any less education than I would have received in going to a university for all four years. All of my credits transferred and I was well prepared for the challenges in Gardner-Webb’s GOAL program. I had several online classes and think the flexibility of online is great!”

Stiles said the support she received as a student was top-notch. “Student Services was there to guide me along, the faculty were always available to answer questions, and by participating in leadership roles with the honor society, I gained valuable skills that all transferred to my workplace,” she says.

Stiles still remembers her first accounting instructor, Tim Rowland, fondly and says the two still keep in touch. “At the time, Mr. Rowland was teaching part-time and working in a CPA firm full time, which meant he was able to pass along so much knowledge from the CPA world. That kind of day-to-day instruction and real-world advice was invaluable,” she adds.



“I think CCC is such an asset to our community. Where else can you earn such a variety of degrees, diplomas, certificates and skills from caring instructors for such an affordable cost? CCC is a great place to start.”