

KOLTYN
GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL
LEADER'S HEALTH BOARD



 **RAPID CITY, SD**

Great Plains Pathways to
Healthcare Professions



WHO

Koltyn is a 29-year-old mother with two children, residing on the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation.

“Thanks to this program and these classes I no longer wonder if I am good enough to work in the healthcare field, I know I am. Every week of class that passed by I grew more and more confident. Every skill I learned kept me engaged and eager to learn more. Not only am I proud of myself but my children have a mother that sets a goal and accomplishes it.”

- KOLTYN



WHEN

STARTED: 2020
GRADUATED: 2021

She was accepted into the **Great Plains Pathways to Healthcare Professions** program and started her certified nursing assistant (CNA) training in August 2020. Koltyn completed the program in February 2021 and passed the state CNA exam in June 2021.



WHY

STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION

She struggled with addiction along with abuse, unemployment, depression and anxiety. After reaching her breaking point, Koltyn realized she needed to change. HPOG was able to set her on a path to success.



WHERE

RAPID CITY, SD

Koltyn completed healthcare training in Rapid City, SD. She is currently a full-time student at Oglala Lakota College.



WHAT

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Koltyn received supportive services such as transportation assistance, scrubs, work shoes, lodging, and tutoring. While working towards earning an associate's and bachelor's degree, she is employed part-time as a home health aide, providing care to members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

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