

## 2. Support for Professional Development

### *a nurse's story...*

Corrine Jones, RN, began working at Winter Haven Hospital as a lab technician in the Pathology Department. She was attending Polk Community College to complete the prerequisites for the Physical Therapy Program. As her needs changed the Pathology Department was very willing to plan her work hours around her schedule at school and eventually offered her a position as a lab transcriptionist.

Corrine's best friend was a Health Unit Coordinator and she suggested Corrine inquire about the possibility of also becoming a HUC. Winter Haven Hospital offered to pay her salary, tuition and books during the 6 month HUC program at Travis Vocational School. She completed the program and continued to attend Polk Community College with the goal of becoming a PT. As she worked side by side with nurses, her educational goals changed and she became more interested in the nursing profession.

Corrine applied for and received a Winter Haven Hospital Scholarship through Partnership for Success to the Polk Community College Nursing Program. Corrine's manager scheduled Corrine from 3PM - 3AM so that she could work and attend college FT as a nursing student. Corrine remained on the AMCU after she graduated from the Associate Degree nursing program in May 2005.

When asked about her current plans, Corrine answered that she is in the process of applying for financial assistance from the hospital to assist her in attending Florida Southern College's ADN to MSN Program. She hopes to become a Nurse Practitioner and continue to work on the Advanced Medical Care Unit (AMCU).



Corrine Jones, RN

## 3. Mid-Florida Medical Services Foundation Employee Scholarship Program

The following employees received \$4,000 scholarships for their formal education from the Mid-Florida Medical Services Foundation:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Course of Study</u>
Elva Arambula	Master of Science in Nursing
Karen Hall	Master of Arts in Education
Randy Islas	Bachelor's Business Administration
Kim Jensen	Masters in Nursing
Faith Johnson	Bachelor's of Science in Nursing
Chris Leavitt	BS Computer Information Systems
Pat Mulder	Masters of Science in Nursing
JoAnne Waterhouse	Masters in Nursing
Lara Devero-Williams	Masters in Nursing Education

The following employees received support for nursing education:

Kimberly Colbert-RN (\$2,000)  
Bruce Cuyler-LPN (\$1,500)