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Success for TAFE Queensland North graduate

TAFE Queensland North Diploma of Counselling graduate, Lauren McGowan is on cloud nine after landing her dream job.

The Mareeba woman has used her qualification to become a Disability Support Worker at Life Without Barriers.

“I was pretty wrapped when I received the phone call to say that I had been successful.

“I really wanted the job and it was the first position that I had applied for since graduating,” she said.

Ms McGowan completed the 18 month Diploma of Counselling online after deciding it was time for a change.

“I was working in aged care for 12 years before I finally enrolled in the course; I have always been interested in becoming a counsellor.

“The course taught me so much about interacting with people, how to listen properly, how to help people with their needs and be more sympathetic and compassionate.

“I’m glad I did the course because it has helped me a lot personally as I use the skills I learned all the time without even meaning to,” she said.

Ms McGowan said she is looking forward to putting her new skills to good use.

“At Life Without Barriers I will be working with people who have disabilities, going to their homes and providing them with personal care and helping them to interact with the community and maintain independence,” Ms McGowan said.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said it was wonderful to know that Ms McGowan is pursuing her career goals.

“It is never too late to follow your dreams.

“It is a real privilege to know that people turn to TAFE Queensland North to improve their careers and lives,” she said.

Ms Pyne said it is not too late to sign up to study in 2017.

“Semester one begins soon and although we’ve had a lot of interest in our courses, we will do what we can to find room for interested students,” Ms Pyne said.

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