



# Debbie Briggs

## Retired Licensed Practical Nurse



### Alumni Journeys

asks graduates to share their current careers and career paths since completing their NMCC/NMTC/NMVTI programs.

Our alumni are using their education and experience to make an impact in their companies and their communities.

## Debbie's Journey

Debbie Briggs is a 1974 Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute (NMVTI) graduate of the Licensed Practical Nursing program. She served as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in various hospitals for 47 years before retiring in 2021.

After graduating from Presque Isle High School, Debbie began her work in the LPN program. She commuted from her family home in Mapleton and paid for her college education with the money she earned in high school picking potatoes and babysitting.

Early into the nursing program, Debbie remembers having mornings of coursework and nursing labs in the afternoons. Not long into the program, the students transitioned to working with patients in a local nursing home. Later, students began rotating over to the hospital where they continued to give direct patient care.

## *The Nursing Field*

After graduating, Debbie worked at A.R. Gould Hospital as an LPN for two years before moving to southern Maine. Debbie says that in her 47-year career, she witnessed many gradual changes to the nursing field including the integration of technology to document patient care. During her career, Debbie pursued a few additional courses to earn the certifications needed to provide additional care to patients such as administering approved IV medications.

Debbie's advice to nursing students or those considering entering the medical field is to "always remember that the patient is a person."



## *Northern Light A.R. Gould*

Northern Light A.R. Gould Hospital is an acute care hospital located in Presque Isle. A.R. Gould is Aroostook County's leading provider of healthcare services, an advocate for the people served, and the area's largest employer. It is a non-profit organization with passionate employees dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of the people of Aroostook County with outstanding skill and compassion.

## *Practical Nursing*

NMCC's practical nursing program is designed to prepare students to become licensed practical nurses. Students develop the necessary knowledge and skills to provide nursing care in various capacities throughout a patient's lifetime. Guided learning opportunities in local healthcare facilities, the campus lab, and the state-of-the-art simulation center provide students with valuable hands-on experiences that complement the classroom curriculum.

## *Career Services*

For help with job searching, applications, networking, writing resumes/cover letters, preparing for an interview, or any other career services, please contact NMCC Career Specialist, Cassie Rogeski.

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