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Taylor works as a CNA



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it in a textbook, then practicing it in a lab, and then finally doing it on an actual patient.

When eventually out in the field, Taylor says she plans to get through her work, which may oftentimes be overwhelming, by taking it “one day at a time,” something her teachers have advised her to do.

Her advice to other aspiring nurses is that nursing school is worth it in the end for those who are really committed.

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While attending nursing school, Taylor works as a certified nursing assistant at Ohesson Manor in Lewistown one or two days a week.

One of the biggest challenges, she says, comes when she gets attached to some of the patients and sees them die.

Although she says the work is hard, strenuous and emotionally exhausting, it’s worth it, and it gives her good real-life experience.

Working as a CNA shows Taylor how limited they are in what they can do medically for patients, compared to LPNs.

Certified nurses, she explains, may pass medications, insert feeding tubes and draw blood, among other things, while CNAs can not.

Taylor says she is excited to be able to do more once she gets her degree.



Above — Taylor Sherwood, right, and Kathy Fetters, lift a resident from his wheelchair to put him in bed for the evening at Ohesson Manor, where Taylor works as a certified nursing assistant one or two days a week while attending nursing school.

Left — Taylor props up the feet of one of the residents at Ohesson Manor.

Below — Taylor prepares a bed for a resident.

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