



Cassandra Cameron

I Now Have Confidence and the Skills I Need to Succeed

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Cassandra Cameron became a mom when she was 25.

“I was a single mom at that. I was a waitress beforehand. I needed a good paying job I could work at during the day that would provide for my son and I and be sustainable.”

Cassandra decided to improve her employability by upgrading her literacy and essential skills. She attended the 2-year Carpentry program at NSCC Waterfront Campus and graduated with her diploma in 2013. Cassandra apprenticed and in 2020, she became a Red Seal Carpenter.

“Since graduating, I have been a full-time carpenter making a good income. Upgrading my skills increased my chances of getting a sustainable job because I learned and acquired a very specific set of skills and knowledge that are in high demand.”

Completing the college program and the apprenticeship in her trade gave Cassandra a great deal of confidence. “I never struggled to find work. I always had a job and many job offers, which was a major self-esteem boost.”

“Going back to school drastically changed my life. I have more financial independence and a sustainable income. I now have pride and confidence, and a fulfilling career as a Red Seal Carpenter. I made a lot of friends along the way. I enjoy new hobbies now too - woodworking and other creative projects.”

“The new skills I’ve developed from going back to school are problem solving, being very handy, and being able to fix things which contributed to my independence.

“My future will be different because I’m setting a positive example for my son and for other women. I have skills that will always be useful and in demand.”

