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# Nelson is awarded UMC Online Scholarship

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Tanya Nelson, a Certified Medical Assistant at Altru Heath Systems in Grand Forks has been awarded the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) Online Scholarship. She is the first-ever recipient of the online scholarship, which was established in 2005.

Nelson says her biggest challenge while continuing her education will be to find balance with her family, work, and school. "Fortunately, the Bachelor of Applied Health (BAH) degree online at UMC will allow me to set my own schedule and study when I have time", says Nelson. For me, it will mean taking only two classes per semester and studying at night and on weekends

Nelson says she is confident that she will meet and exceed the challenges of distance education. "I have always been a very motivated student and have been known to get my homework done on time or before the due date. I have a very supportive husband that is willing to help with the household."

Tanya Nelson works at Altru in Grand Forks. Her daily duties as a medical assistant have her placed in a physician's office, patient's rooms, answering phones, and assisting physicians with daily procedures. Nelson also trains new employees and has a position that is flexible and is required to work in different offices as assigned.

Nelson has an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting and hopes to complete the BAH degree online in the next three years. "Because of the convenience and flexibility of online courses, this is the perfect time to complete my goal and earn my Bachelor's degree," Nelson said. This 4-year degree may create further opportunities in my medical career. It would also afford me greater job security and flexibility. UMC's Online Scholarship is a \$500.00 annual award given to one recipient who demonstrates academic excellence who is a degree seeking online student.

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