"I chose Luna!"

Andre Shenk says that he appreciates what the College has to offer

From Lancaster, Pa. to Las Vegas, N.M. From the East Coast to the Southwest. A world of difference, but to Luna Community College nursing student Andre Shenk, Las Vegas is home. Shenk and his wife moved to Las Vegas a little over three years ago. They were looking for something different. And somewhere along the journey, he found Luna.

"I decided I was interested in nursing," says Shenk. "I started to take the pre-requisite courses because they were convenient, applied to the nursing program and now I'm in my last semester. I appreciate the opportunities the school offers to the community. Without this, I wouldn't have gone into nursing."

Lancaster is a city with 60,000 population. Depending on whom you talk to Las Vegas is right around 14,000. "The town has been an adjustment, but it's starting to feel like home," said Shenk. "I really appreciate the dedication of the nursing department. I recommend Luna to other students. Having gone to other schools, people don't know how good they have it as far as affordability." Prior to attending Luna, he had earned a master's degree.

Shenk is a member of the student government and says that he has seen a positive change at Luna. "Things like the Website, The Luna Light, more activities—there is more energy, promotion and awareness. Student government serves as an important factor in shared governance. We have to make sure it's sustainable."

He says that he likes the approach the school has taken concerning the Show-Cause Order. "I appreciate that the school is taking this issue seriously; it needed to be addressed to a substantial degree," says Shenk. "It's been frustrating, but I remain hopeful—it has nothing to do on an academic level."

A lot of work goes into being a nursing student at Luna. The college has a fine reputation. "There is a lot of setbacks and triumphs," said Shenk. "I feel good about the time I spent here. Hopefully future students will have the same opportunity."

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