

# YTI grad manages perfect attendance, 4.0 and kidney treatments



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Courtney Lambert doesn't like making excuses.

Any of her instructors at YTI Career Institute probably would have given Lambert a pass or two from class. After all, she was juggling her studies with regular dialysis treatments for kidney disease, three times a week.

But Lambert just always thought that if she was able to go class, she should go. So on Tuesday, she graduated from YTI Career Institute not only with perfect attendance, but with a 4.0 grade point average.

"I never let anything stop me," she said. "Somebody else worse off than me could wish they're where I'm at."

Lambert, 24, has suffered from kidney disease since she was 2. She's had two kidney transplants, at ages 10 and 16.

The second transplant took place while she was attending William Penn Senior High School. She was schooled from home for a few months after that, she said, but she still managed to graduate with honors in 2009.

But kidney disease can return in a new kidney, or her body can reject a new kidney.



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"Transplants are a treatment, not a cure," she said. And now, she's waiting for another.

She went back on the transplant waiting list in 2013 and started dialysis treatments again, while she was a student at York College. She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology in 2014, and that same year began studying medical assisting at YTI.

Dialysis treatments are three times a week, for three hours each session. The treatments are in the morning, which gave her time to rest a little before going to class later, she said.

It's draining, but she didn't let that distract her from her goals.

"I'm tired but at the same time I need to get this done," she said.

Lambert was given the President's Award in her program.

Gloria Ward, an instructor in medical assisting who nominated Lambert, said she didn't even know Lambert was going through dialysis until she overheard another student ask about it. Ward said Lambert was still always prepared for class and planned ahead to make sure she didn't fall behind.

"She just really focused on what her goals were. I know what dialysis patients go through, how it can be so tiring and just really deplete your energy," Ward said. But Lambert would be a half an hour early to class on treatment days. "There was just nothing stopping that girl."

Lambert's time spent in hospitals and doctor's offices has given her the drive to be in the medical field.



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"I feel like that's my purpose, to give back and help that way," she said.

And she isn't done yet. Now that she's finished at YTI, she'll take a few months off, but she wants to go back to school to become a registered nurse.

She planned to bring family members to graduation in Lancaster County on Tuesday. But she didn't expect to celebrate too late — her next dialysis treatment was scheduled for 6 a.m. Wednesday.

### **YTI August graduates**

YTI Career Institute released the following list of graduates for its York and Lancaster campuses:

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