

Young woman trained with local pharmacist

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Many have seen her working behind the counter, counting pills, on the phone or working on the computer trying to help customers get their prescriptions filled.

Valisha Raile has worked at Ward Drug Store, on Main Street, for the past five years assisting the pharmacist.

Mrs. Raile said she's always been interested in the medical field. In high school and college she worked as a certified nurse aide.

She graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1997 and then went to Fort Hays State University to earn her bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry.

After college, she returned to Oberlin.

The original plan, said Mrs. Raile, was to go to school to become a nurse practitioner or to medical school, but plans changed. She said she was interested in the pharmacy side of medicine and applied for the job at Ward Drug Store and was hired.

At the store, she fills prescriptions, takes drug inventory and works on insurance paperwork and claims.

Mrs. Raile did her job training at the store with the help of Pharmacist

Kurt Vollertsen. She then went to Denver to take the test and become certified as a pharmacy technician.

Some people choose to do the training at college, but, she did hers on her own.

For anyone who is interested in pharmacy, said Mrs. Raile, it's really important to get some experience. They should find a job at a local pharmacy and get their training from a pharmacist.

"That's absolutely the best experience you can get," she said, "working with a pharmacist."

In order to attend any kind of medical school or pharmacy school, a four-year degree is required.

Mrs. Raile suggested students work while in college if they can, possibly in their field of interest or in the business somehow.

Mrs. Raile and her husband Travis are expecting a baby in March. The newest addition to the family will have two older sisters Kariah, 12, Alana, 6 and one older brother, Trenton, who is 1.

She added that her job works with having young kids. Mr. Vollertsen is really good about working with her on going to school events.



AT WARD DRUG STORE, Valisha Raile worked on the computer behind the pharmacy counter, which is one of her duties.

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Front row: Deanna Roye, Tami Shaw and Beth Harmon.
Back row: Haley Barrett, Rachelle Scott and Valisha Raile

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