

"I'm still moving forward"



In the Fall of 2023, we featured Nancy on the cover of College Matters. That inspiring story of struggle, overcoming massive obstacles, achieving her ACE certificate, acceptance to Practical Nursing and making the Dean's list ended with Nancy's words: "I'm gonna pull this off... I'm waiting on cancer results right now, but I'm still moving forward and doing my thing."

And move she did.

With incredible courage and commitment, Nancy graduated from Practical Nursing AND was Ontario's 2025 recipient of Canada's Premiers Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

According to Canada's Premiers news release on September 8, "the Award celebrates adult learners who undertake literacy training, as well as the valuable contributions made by Canadians in the field of literacy, including family, Indigenous, health, workplace, and community literacy.

Each Award recipient receives a certificate, signed by the Premier of their province or territory, as well as a Council of the Federation Literacy Award medallion."

Canada's Premiers website says that "Nancy is a compassionate and resilient learner, advocate, and healthcare professional." "Pivoting after injury ended a motorcycle racing career, and again when illness made managing a specialized cleaning company nearly impossible, Nancy found herself somewhere she hadn't dreamed of being in years: back in school, sitting at a desk and sweating over another math test.

This time around, she found the math wasn't as frightening as she'd remembered it. Early successes in upgrading renewed Nancy's confidence, and she found a love of learning.

Nancy earned her ACE certificate, then her Practical Nursing diploma, on Georgian College's Owen Sound campus."

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