## upgrading PSN program-hired

Logan first arrived at the Academic Upgrading program at Northern College's Haileybury campus in early winter of 2025. Full of energy and determination, Logan set about starting to fulfill the requirements for entry into the Personal Support Worker (PSW) program.

Logan had been out of the educational setting for some time. "My high school teacher said I couldn't do anything, so I quit school at 18 due to discouragement from unsupportive people."

Not one to give up easily, Logan pushed forward with her desire to help others.

"Reflecting on my passion for assisting individuals with disabilities, I researched college programs and discovered the PSW course. I needed to improve my English skills, so I approached Academic Upgrading, which could help me achieve that goal."

While enrolled in our program, Logan applied and was given conditional acceptance into the PSW program. By the end of the summer, Logan had her full Communications prerequisite to qualify.

Looking back on Logan's time in Upgrading, she claims, "I absolutely loved it. The group was very welcoming, and I liked how everyone had their own work to do. It was like different classes all in one room. The classroom environment was pleasant to work in, and everything was explained in a straightforward manner."



Our upgrading team had the pleasure of receiving a visit from this prospective PSW earlier this fall. Logan is enjoying her PSW program and courses very much. The best news, however, is that Logan has been hired by a local home support agency in the area.

Logan is already fulfilling her dreams of helping provide in-home services that support the well-being of the elderly and adults with physical disabilities in the District of Timiskaming.

- Kate Glover, Northern College

