

## **Learner Case Study**

### **Health, Social Care and Early Years**

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#### **Karen's Story**

Karen became a teenage mum and left school at 15 without taking any GCSE's. From being 13 years old she has dreamt of becoming a midwife and after the birth of Emily (who is now 13) and Lily (4) being a mum and working part time has been her focus. Last September Karen decided that she wanted to fulfil her ambition and signed up to do the Preparation for Higher Education course.

Studying two evenings a week, one Saturday a month and daytime workshops for Maths and English at level 2, Karen has very successfully completed the PHE and Maths and English courses and she has also gained 20 credits in Human Biology. Karen was also volunteering at the 'Baby Café' run by Sure Start in Chapeltown, Leeds and is about to start a stint of voluntary work at Dewsbury hospital on the postnatal ward. After a great deal of commitment and determination to achieve her goal, Karen has gained a place to study midwifery to start in September 2009 at Sheffield Hallam University.

In June 2008 Karen won in her sector at the West Yorkshire Adult Work-Based Learner Awards organised by the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network.