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NURSING ASSISTANT MAKES DEAN'S LIST AT NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Cranston, RI – After twenty years of working as a nursing assistant, Tammy Olson is achieving academic excellence in her pursuit of an Occupational Therapy Assistant degree and has made the Dean's List at New England Institute of Technology. Due to graduate from the program in early 2012, Ms. Olson said she always thought she might pursue a therapy career, but didn't really know much about it until she began working at Cedar Crest Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre seven years ago.

In the Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate's Degree program, the student learns to act as part of the rehabilitation team, collecting data needed for the patient's initial evaluation, carrying out treatment plans, using technology to help people overcome disabilities, and designing activities to help people reach their goals. According to Olson, "At Cedar Crest, I learned the difference between Physical and Occupational Therapy. Since Occupational Therapy deals a lot with ADLs (activities of daily living, such as dressing and bathing), I thought that it was a natural fit with what I do as a nursing assistant." A resident of Warwick, Ms. Olson said, "I remember one day watching our (Occupational) therapists working with a rehab patient who hadn't been able to move his hand. After working with him for awhile, the patient's hand started to move and I saw tears in the eyes of one of the therapists. That was really inspiring."

Cedar Crest Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre, family-owned and operated, is a leading provider of post-hospital care, with rehabilitation programs including Orthopedics, Stroke, Neurological, Cardiac, Pulmonary, and Post-Surgical. Cedar Crest also provides long-term care, memory care, respite and hospice care, as well as home health care through Cedar Home Health.

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