



Dakota Rhodes

— LPN —

Meadow Lakes



Dakota Rhodes has a passion for what she does at Meadow Lakes and that's why she's our Quest for Excellence winner for 2022! She manages her nurse's station and her hall in such a way that her residents and staff smile when they see her coming. One of her CNAs shared, "Dakota always listens to my patients, listens to their needs. They feel heard."

Dakota has served as an LPN with Meadow Lakes since March of 2015. Throughout that time, Dakota has repeatedly guided fellow staff members toward best practices. A CNA who is now looking towards a career in nursing largely because of Dakota's support, tells us, "When Dakota is working, I know my day is going to go smoothly. She has been so willing to teach me about stuff that I will need to know in my future career in nursing."

Dakota is married and has two children, Austin, nine, and Bexleigh, four. She met her husband at Meadow Lakes, and they have been married for five years.

Dakota shared, "Earlier in the year, I was really questioning the impact and difference I made at Meadow Lakes. I had a resident tell me, 'You changed my life in 8 hours.' Since then, I think of that one simple comment and how it enriched me with such a large impact. I have always wanted to be a nurse. I take pride in caring for others."

"As the lucky ED who gets to work with Dakota, I can share that our conversations have been heartfelt and goal driven. Dakota will see an obstacle and then begin describing how we can conquer that obstacle to make things for our residents and the building better. What a joy!"

