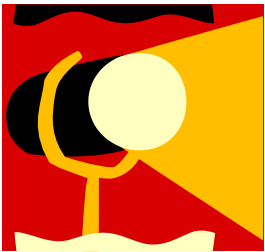




# S.T.E.P.S to Success

Stories, Tips, Examples, Practices, and Successes

## Student Spotlight: Lisa Schreiner



Lisa Schreiner is enrolled in the Automotive Technology program here at Ozarka College. She completed the Technical Certificate in Automotive Technology this past spring and is working to finish the Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology by May 2012.

Lisa's interest in computers has sparked her interest in working on vehicles. She explains that with modern vehicles being computerized, her interest in computers translates well to Automotive Technology. In comparing computers and automobiles, she states that "if a vehicle is engineered well on the high end and if the things that need to be replaced are replaced then a person gets more life out of it."

Another reason Lisa likes to work on cars is because she likes to work with her hands. She states that an advantage to having smaller hands is that she can fit her hands into certain parts of the vehicle where larger hands would not fit. Lisa also grew up around vehicles with her father being a shade tree mechanic. She was a "daddy's girl" following her father and brother around while growing up.

Lisa currently owns a computer services business in Melbourne. Besides her interest in computers and vehicles, she enjoys playing piano at church and singing with Gayle Cooper's Homecoming Singers. She lifts weights for strength and endurance.

Lisa speaks highly of Automotive Instructor, Chris Layne, and the Automotive Technology program at Ozarka College. She describes Chris Layne as one "bringing the students forward."

Lisa's future plan is to work at a dealership where she will be continually learning while working. Lisa states that in order to pursue a career in Automotive Technology that you must not mind "getting dirty and having physical contact with something electrical." She says, "You take people's lives in your hands working on vehicles."

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Know Your Options: Ozarka Degree Programs and their Purposes

**Planning to transfer to a 4-year college for a Bachelor's degree?**

Then choose one of these 2-year *Associate of Arts* or *Associate of Science* programs to complete most or all of your Freshman and Sophomore level coursework. →

- **AA in Gen Ed :** for students working toward a 4-year degree in most any major
- **AA in Teaching:** for students working toward a 4-year Kindergarten-Middle School teaching degree
- **AS Business:** for students working toward a 4-year business degree of some kind: accounting, management, marketing, etc.
- **AS in Criminal Justice:** for students working toward a 4-year degree in the justice system
- **AS Human Services :** for students working toward a 4-year Social Work or Rehabilitation Services degree

**Need a shorter course to provide you with practical job skills in approximately 2 years or less?**

An *Associate of Applied Science* or a *Technical Certificate* might be for you. →

- **AAS degrees (2-year programs):**
  - Automotive Service Technology
  - Business Technology
  - Culinary Arts
  - General Technology (for all round technology training, as well as pre-LPN and pre-RN students)
  - Health Information Technology
  - Registered Nursing LPN to RN (pre-requisite courses needed, limited enrollment)
- **Technical Certificates (1-year programs):**
  - Automotive Service Technology
  - Licensed Practical Nursing (pre-requisite courses needed, limited enrollment)
  - Culinary Arts
  - Early Childhood Education
  - Health Professions

**Need a place to start that will quickly boost your employability, OR want to add some specific credentials to your resume?**

Then a certificate of proficiency might meet your need. →

- **Certificates of Proficiency (1-2 semesters)**
  - Accounting
  - Banking and Finance
  - Business Computer Applications
  - Business Management
  - Certified Nursing Assistant
  - Corrections and Criminal Justice
  - Early Childhood Development
  - Emergency Medical Training
  - Entrepreneurship for Artisans
  - Medical Office Administration

NOTE: Developmental coursework, if needed, may delay the time frame for earning any degree or certification.

**EXACT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS CAN BE VIEWED ON [Ozarka.edu](http://Ozarka.edu), under the **STUDENTS** tab, and **DEGREES WE OFFER**.  
Click on the name of the degree to see the course list.**



## Know Your Path: Know what you want and how to get it!

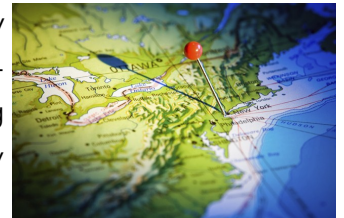


Someone once said, “If you aim for nothing, you’ll hit it EVERY TIME!”

**But who wants to hit nothing???**

If you could know what would bring you a sense of accomplishment and gratification, and opportunities for more security, would you aim for it? Here are some steps for taking charge of your education and your life, so that you hit a worthwhile target.

- **Discover your passions.** Write down your answers to questions like: What would my dream life look like (be realistic!)? What do I value most? What vocations would be most satisfying to me? What kind of relationships do I want to have?
- ♦ **Research the steps you need to take toward your dream life.** What kind of education do you need to achieve a satisfying vocation? (to research degree options and careers, visit “**What Can I Do with this Degree?**” (<http://dus.psu.edu/dus101/whatcanido.htm>) What kind of person do you need to BE, to have the kind of relationships you would like to have? Check out this article on **Healthy Relationships** at <http://www.k-state.edu/counseling/topics/relationships/relatn.html>
- ♦ **Start making the needed changes, and stay the course.** Once you know what you really want, commit to achieving it. Seek out places and people who can help you find your way. Don’t jump ship when the going gets tough. Push through! The only way to reach a destination is to stay on course. **You can do it!**



## Know Your Advisor: Who is your advisor and how can he/she help you?

**Ozarka College assigns every student either a faculty or a staff advisor. Do you know yours?**

- The purpose of an advisor is to guide you in your development as a student. Look on your My-Ozarka account to find out who your assigned advisor is.
- Faculty advisors are also instructors who teach several classes, and who have posted office hours for student advising.
- Staff advisors will be either campus coordinators, advising coordinators, or advising specialists through the Student Success Center or the TRiO programs. Since they are typically in their offices, they are often more available. If you need assistance and are unable to reach your assigned advisor, **the Student Success advisors are always on hand and able to help any student.**
- Advisors will help you explore degrees that interest you, strive to give you the most accurate information, help connect you with tutors if needed, help you understand what your program requirements are, encourage and challenge you, help you understand how to begin the process of transferring to a 4-year college, and connect you with resources available to aid you in overcoming obstacles to your success, among other things. **BE SURE TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR!**



“Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. . .  
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.”  
—Goethe

“I have learned, that if one advances confidently  
in the direction of his dreams,  
and endeavors to live the life he has imagined,  
he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.”  
—Henry David Thoreau

“Some people dream of success,  
while others wake up and work hard at it.”  
—Author unknown



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