It is probably not in the job description, but the hugs and smiles she gives and receives from patients may be the things Casey Kinney enjoys most about her job.

As an LPN, Unit Manager at the Red Wing Health Center, Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical Practical Nursing graduate, Casey Kinney, spends a lot of her days interacting with health center residents and their families. She also meets with doctors and providers, reviews medicines, conducts blood and lab work and supervises a nursing staff. As Casey will attest, a position like hers can be challenging at times. But in the same breath, she will also say that the rewards she receives greatly outweigh anything else.

Casey will also tell you that she felt truly prepared for her position thanks to the education she received at Southeast Tech. Like all Practical Nursing graduates, she was taught the basics as well as great fundamental skills and was provided with excellent hands-on experiences not commonly found in other LPN programs. Dig a little deeper and Casey might admit the program was not easy, but the instructors made learning fun and important and were constantly challenging her and her classmates to do more to reach their potential.

Picture your life as a nurse - enjoying many opportunities for employment, an opportunity to continue your nursing education and, who knows, probably many hugs and smiles along the way. If this is the career you envision for yourself, Southeast Tech is where to start to make the picture much clearer.