



Busy Single Mom Succeeds in New Career

For three years, Amanda prepared to make a career change from waitressing. She spent this time taking several business courses, as well as learning the ins and outs of computers. She began her education at Capilano College, and then went on to the William Lucas Centre for more advanced courses. All this while raising a young daughter on her own.

Amanda's hard work and determination paid off. Since March 2000, she has been happily employed at Sea to Sky Ford, a busy car dealership in Squamish. Amanda works as the company's receptionist and Hertz customer service representative.

"I keep very, very busy, but I enjoy it a lot. The people I work with are excellent. Good team!" Amanda says.

While at school, Amanda was introduced to Business Works, a West Coast program that matches people looking for work with employers needing to hire. Career coaches from Business Works were on hand to help students with their job search after graduation.

Although Amanda found the job at Sea to Sky Ford on her own, Business Works provided her new employer with a training allowance. She has since been trained on the in-house computer system, and will be upgrading her computer skills this year.

Amanda appreciates the help she got from Business Works. "They're very supportive people," she says, "and they care for everybody and are willing to help, even being there after an interview or before an interview to prepare you for it. I highly recommend Business Works to anybody."

