



# Spotlight on:



## Lindsey Browning, ABE Student

“Since I have been attending Lincoln I have become way more aware of what I want out of my life, and I’ve found the best route for that is education,” states Lindsey Browning, a student in the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program here at Lincoln College Normal. What Lindsey wants is a bachelor’s degree that will enable her to move on to a graduate program in hospital administration where she will be able to participate in making important decisions to help people.

ABE, with its evening classes, served as the draw card that brought Lindsey to Lincoln College-Normal, making that bachelor’s degree an attainable goal for her. Lindsey notes that traditional daytime classes were out of the question because she works full time: “With the ABE program I didn’t have to worry but one night a week that I had to be in a

classroom.” Lindsey also tried online schooling, but that didn’t work for her either. She needed to have a teacher she could recognize and talk to, face to face, which she found in her evening classes at LCN. She notes, “With the ABE program, there is always a knowledgeable professional willing and excited to help with anything a student needs.”

Lindsey also feels her ABE teachers have proved challenging and interesting, commenting that many “have worked in their field of study and, thus, are good representatives of what the class can do for the students once they are out in the real world.” Lindsey adds, “I also find my ABE advisor, Mrs. Sally Pyne, to be an interesting, knowledgeable person. She has always taken care of any questions I have had, and, believe me, I email her with a lot of random questions.”

In addition to the teachers and advisor Lindsey has encountered in the ABE program here at Lincoln, Lindsey credits her older sister with providing a lot of the support she’s needed to succeed in her college endeavors: “My sister has many times tutored me in math and English. She’s also a source of inspiration because of the many obstacles she’s overcome and how well she’s doing today.” Lindsey adds that her husband has also inspired her to do the best that she can: “He always has motivational words for me, and he truly encourages me to succeed.”

Her advice for fellow ABE students is to stay on top of the homework. Lindsey cautions, “With each class being only five weeks long, it goes by fast, and if you are a day behind, that means you are a week behind.” Lindsey also feels it is important to do one’s best in any given situation, citing Oprah as the person who first brought this truth to her attention: “Oprah said when you do well, people notice, and I’ve found that to be the case.”

Coming from the Chicago suburbs, Lindsey, who works as a licensed cosmetologist, has lived in Bloomington for five years now. She recently married Jacob West, and they are expecting a baby girl this coming January.