# Convocation 2016 Spotlight - Trent University: Erin Riddell, Nursing

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>> ERIN RIDDELL: My name is Erin Riddell and I'm graduating with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. I think one of the most things – the best things I liked about the Nursing program at Trent was probably just the faculty. It's a little bit of a smaller program. The faculty learns your name really well. You kind of feel a bit more like a person than a number and just the sense of community and all the friends you make it really feels kind of like a little family, which is really nice.

So our program has a couple different opportunities for placement. One in a type of a class setting – you have the lab setting so you spend a lot of your time in a smaller groups practicing your hands on skills with your teacher right over your shoulder when you want to ask questions so that's at a school basis and then you have a chance to be placed in a variety of different hospitals in different settings once again in a fairly small group with a clinical instructor who is there to answer all your questions you get to interact more with nursing staff on the floor and get a real like hands-on experience learning in the hospital.

So I took a Honduras trip in my second year of nursing as part of our community placement. So we travelled around to remote indigenous villages and set up a daily brigade and provided a variety of care with a lot of doctors, dentists, nurses, and than nursing students as well just kind of giving health care to those people who really don't have access to it at all. I definitely think it was very unique. I don't know a lot of other schools that do that type of program. And I know a little bit hard to get into but it gives you the chance to see a whole other side of the world, whole different type of lifestyle, and just it really gives you the chance to reach out and give back while also learning and improving your skills as you go.

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