

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Stephanie Ortiz- West Babylon High School, Class of 2009
(Medical Assisting)

Stephanie Ortiz graduated from West Babylon High School and completed the Western Suffolk BOCES two-year Medical Assisting program in 2009. Stephanie had always been interested in the health care field and her first class with Tech healthcare instructor Crystal Gatto solidified her career goal.

“Ms. Gatto was a wonderful teacher, one of the best teachers I think I could have had,” reports Stephanie. “She made her classes very enjoyable.” We learned the necessary information, but the classes were kept interesting and exciting. Stephanie particularly liked the hands-on work. Stephanie felt like she was learning but it didn’t feel like school.

She soon considered herself ready to do some real work in the medical field so she applied as a volunteer at Long Island Medical Associates in West Babylon, NY. Her skills and professionalism impressed the doctors right away and they hired Stephanie after only two months! Stephanie continued to learn as well as sharpen her skills at both school and work.

Today, Stephanie is a busy woman. In addition to working as a Certified Medical Assistant at Long Island Medical Associates, she is also working part-time as a Certified Medical Assistant for an Ear, Nose & Throat specialist in Bay Shore, NY. Additionally, she is enrolled at Suffolk County Community College and completing her prerequisites for the Physician Assistant program at Touro College. Stephanie and her family are grateful for the quality education she received at Western Suffolk BOCES.