

# Faces of FRONTIER: *FOCUSED ON THE MISSION*



**Tracey Arwood, BSN, RN**  
*FNU Nurse-Midwifery Student, Class 79*

**F**or the past three years, Tracey has used her skills as an RN to care for an underserved population in her community. This year she was awarded a National Health Services Scholarship, which is awarded to students who plan to work in a health shortage area. This scholarship covers her tuition, books, and a living stipend in exchange for 2 years of paid service in a health shortage area. Tracey has also been honored with the American College of Nurse-Midwives Wonnell Scholarship. The ACNM Wonnell Scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to work in an out of hospital setting, which is Tracey's goal.

Tracey explains that Frontier's history and mission appealed to her most when looking for midwifery programs. Furthermore, she felt that the structure of it's online program would not cause her to be place bound, therefore allowing her to study and learn in her own community where the need for midwifery is present. She states, "I share Frontier's belief of returning birth to normal and in a normal, unhurried setting. Nearly everyone involved with this school is dedicated to its mission and respects the power of pregnancy, birth, and family dynamics."

When asked why Tracey decided to become a nurse-midwife, she states there are many reasons she chose this path. "I want to be involved in one of the most spiritual and life changing events in a family's life. Maternity care is an area of great need for underserved communities, and I want to serve where I am needed most," states Tracey. She plans on working with the Indian Health Services upon graduation in 2012.

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Tracy enjoys spending time with her family (pictured here) when she is not caring for families in her community.

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