

## **WITC Student Finishes Transitional Experience at SHS**

Melissa Eckburg-Hess, resident of Spooner, graduated from WITC's nursing program on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She spent the last part of her program being a transitional student at Spooner Health System (SHS) where she was matched up with Lisa Hotchkiss, RN for 96 hours of one-on-one training.

During the nursing program at WITC, students participate in clinicals at numerous facilities. Melissa chose to do her transitional experience at SHS because she liked the employees and the small town community hospital setting best.

“I really feel that my one-on-one training experience with Lisa has better equipped me for the real world of being a nurse,” states Melissa. “She was a great mentor and I hope to one day work alongside her and the other nurses at Spooner Health System.”

“The transitional student program allows students to experience being a nurse as it really is instead of how it is perceived to be in the classroom,” states preceptor Lisa. “I’ve been a nurse for 15 ½ years and enjoy the opportunity to help nursing students and new nurses gain exposure to the reality of nursing.”



Preceptor Lisa Hotchkiss and Transitional Student Melissa Eckburg-Hess