

Marteniece Johnson

Certified Medical Technician

Marty was a single mom working two part time jobs and struggling to meet her family's basic needs when she visited the Jefferson City Job Center. She was looking for a way to better her life and a find a higher paying job that would allow her to provide for her family. She enrolled in SkillUP on April 19, 2019. She enrolled in the Medical Technician program at Moberly Area Community College in June 2019. Due to previously defaulting on student loans, it was impossible for Marty to get assistance to further her education. SkillUP was able to provide the funding she needed to pursue her CMT certificate. Her case manager assisted with enrollment in the student loan rehabilitation program. Marty is now on track with her loans and enrolled in a forgiveness program.

Marty has a bright future in the medical field. She would not have been able to pursue her CMT Certificate and a career as an RN without SkillUP. Every time she leaves the office she says, "Thank you Mrs. Tracy, I don't know what I would do without you!"

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