

The Success Story of Connie Welton



Connie Welton was an unemployed Dislocated Worker and a single mother of 3 child living in West Helena Arkansas, who was on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as Food Stamps. Connie She was laid off from Amerimax and has exhausted her unemployment benefits. She was unable to support herself and her child without the of government assistance, help from friends and family.

Connie came into the Helena Workforce Center and stated that she wanted to find a career in a high demand occupation like the medical field that that she would be less likely to laid-off from. Career Advisor and Connie discussed the benefits and her options under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Connie was approved for the WIOA Dislocated Worker program on February 08, 2019.

Connie participated in the WIOA Work Experience program while she completed her pre-requisites for Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Medical Laboratory Technology Degree at Phillips Community College U of A (PCCUA). Connie was accepted in the Medical Laboratory Technology Degree and started classes at PCCUA August 21, 2019. She needed assistance with paying for schooling. She not receiving PELL grant assistance and is needing assistance with tuition, books, and supplies.

Connie completed her training for Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Medical Laboratory Technology Degree at Phillips Community College U of A (PCCUA) May 06, 2021 and obtained her degree on May 14, 2021. Connie was hired and started working at Helena Medical Center in Helena Arkansas as a Medical Laboratory Technology on May 17, 2021. She makes \$18.54 per hour and works 40 hours weekly. Connie stated that she no longer depends on government assistance or family for financial support, she is self-sufficient thanks to WIOA support.