

Success Spotlight: Yewande Oyediran

Yewande Oyediran was working in a warehouse and searching for a better job when she learned about the Workforce Ready Grant from her sister.

The grant is administered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and pays the tuition and fees for eligible high-value certificate programs at Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University, Indiana Institute of Technology, or other approved providers.

Oyediran chose the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) program, which consisted of a six-month class and one-month externship at the Eskenazi Health Center Pecar. She currently works at Eskenazi Hospital near downtown Indianapolis.

“If the (Workforce Ready Grant) program didn’t exist, I might still be at the warehouse struggling to put money together to go to school,” Oyediran said. “College is very costly. But thanks to this program, I’m able to move to the next level of my life.”

Oyediran’s mother, before she died, was a nurse in Nigeria. And her sister is a nurse at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, piquing Oyediran’s interest in the health care field.

She completed her medical training at Hardon Educational Institute, an independently owned health care training facility based in Indianapolis.

“All of the things we needed for school were provided; we didn’t need to pay a dime” Oyediran said. “The instructors were amazing. I am happy, and I will keep on telling people about this program.”