

**Success Spotlight:** Brandy Gilstrap

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Program: Adult Education, EMT certification

Location: Greene County

Wage prior to adult ed: \$11 per hour

Wage after earning certification: \$18 per hour



**STORY**

Before enrolling in adult education classes, Brandy worked in different factories near her Greene County home. She could move around to different jobs, but the increase in pay was minimal. She had always wanted to work in a role where she could help others.

She made the decision to visit her local WorkOne office where staff worked with her to lay out a plan for her to achieve her career goals. She enrolled in a ten-week Emergency Medical Technician certification course. This training was offered by the local adult education provider, Wagler Education and Training Center.

During the course, students are given hands-on training in scenarios they learn about in the classroom. After ten weeks, Brandy passed the class and earned her certification. “I finally feel freedom,” she said.

Brandy graduated in April of 2022, and landed a job where she started making \$7 more an hour than she was making when she left the factory. She now works as an EMT for a company in Sullivan County, which neighbors Greene County.