



Two short years for a lifetime of change

In 2017, Rasheda was a certified nursing assistant (CNA) trying to reach her goal of completing her licensed practical nurse (LPN) certification. On top of her prerequisite courses, the single mother of four young children worked 30-35 hours per week. Although she had a good family support system who assisted in caring for her children, she lacked the funding to complete her education.

Rasheda learned of the **Kansas Health Profession Opportunity Project (KHPOP)** HPOG program through fellow LPN students and went to the Wichita Workforce Center, part of the Kansas Department of Commerce, to see if she would qualify. Three days after meeting with a coach to determine her eligibility, Rasheda learned of her acceptance into the program. Rasheda completed all required KHPOP paperwork in record time, resulting in a referral to training.

Rasheda received KHPOP funding that helped pay for tuition, fees, books, material and supplies during the

Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 prerequisites semesters. She received similar assistance when she started the LPN program in 2019. KHPOP also helped Rasheda with her gas and electric bills when she reduced her work hours to devote additional time to her studies.

Rasheda successfully completed her training and LPN certification in December 2019 and used KHPOP funding to pay for her background check, licensing and testing fees. She works full time at a local assisted living facility, making \$20.00 an hour and is eligible for benefits.

**This is just the beginning
of a long career in the
health career industry
made possible by a very
dedicated participant
and the support
of KHPOP.**

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