

EXAMS PASSED: A SUCCESS STORY

In 2015, Shynese Polk entered the CRC with a burst of energy and optimism. She is a single mom of two young adults working as an entry level CNA for several years in Palatine and in need of earning her GED diploma to advance her career. Shynese had her hands full of balancing her responsibilities and battled through some challenges in pursuit of her goals, but she remained hopeful, positive, and encouraging to others around her. Whether in the Learning Lab for tutoring or in the Harper classroom, Shynese was a shining example of resiliency and all those that worked with her and know her celebrated in December of 2018 when she passed her exams and received a promotion to Patient Care Technician!



Shynese's success was a collaborative effort between Shynese, Harper College, and POC's Learning Lab staff and volunteers. Adult students are welcomed into the Family Learning Lab as often as they want, representing many countries and languages, and ranging in age from 19 to 87. We tutor for ESL, GED, Workkeys Paraprofessional preparation, occupation-based vocabulary, and the citizenship test. Employment assistance includes job search and applications, interview preparation, and resume writing.