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From Factory Floors to Pursuing Passion

Lapeer Co. – Katelyn has a long work history in manufacturing. While she enjoyed the work, her heart was in helping people. As a working adult, taking time off to attend school felt daunting. Still, after some career setbacks, Katelyn decided to follow her heart. At the time of application, she worked as an unlicensed caregiver. However, that environment inspired her to take the next step and follow through on her plans.

She carefully arranged her work schedule, enrolled in the most efficient, fast-track program, and immediately applied for certification. It was only a short time before she became a full-time Certified Nurse Assistant. Deciding to invest in your future can be challenging. Still, her hard work has paid off, and her dreams of working in healthcare and helping people are now her reality. By becoming a licensed CNA, she gained over $7 per hour more than she had previously earned. This increased income made a big difference for her and her family.

Katelyn expressed, “I had wanted to get certified for a while but couldn’t save enough to make the change. This program allowed me to reach my goal. I am grateful for the help, support, and opportunity GST Michigan Works! has provided.”