

**Prudence at Gateway Technical College  
Health Profession Opportunity Project (HPOP)**

Prudence (Trudy) worked for many years in environmental services. She cleaned in the ER and other areas of the hospital. As a single mother of four children, she said she had always wanted a better job which would allow her to be a better provider for her kids. She had a desire to provide patient care. However, without the skills or the means to acquire the skills, she had resigned herself to taking care of the building instead of patients.

Today her life has changed for the better. Trudy completed the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare (HFHC)–All Saints CNA program in March. After months of applying for CNA positions, she was finally offered a CNA position in the WFHC–All Saints ER.

Trudy said she called HPOP first on the happy day she was offered the job because, without the opportunity that HPOP gave her to get her CNA certification, this day would not have been possible. She wanted the HPOP staff to know how grateful she was for the program and thankful that it was there at a time in her life when she needed it the most. She started her new job on September 9th.