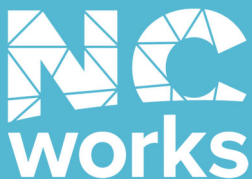


# SUCCESS STORY

## A NextGen Success!

As a single mother, Samantha was unemployed and unsure of her next steps. She met with a WIOA Career Advisor and discussed the possibility of attending CVCC for Dental Assisting. Samantha received an application and began working on getting her items together in the following weeks. Samantha was excited for this opportunity and was informed that she was eligible for services.

Samantha was enrolled in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program in February 2023, but her classes did not start until August 2023. The Business Services Representative discussed the possibility of a Work Experience (WEX) with Samantha. She saw this as an opportunity to expand her skillset and prepare her for class. She started her WEX at GHCCM in the dental clinic in May 2023 as an assistant making \$16/hr. She was able to use the dental practice software; job shadow the dental assistants and dentists; and other skills she will need as she enters this career pathway. With class starting in August, Samantha completed her WEX hours during the Fall semester, while attending classes and clinicals. Now, almost a year later, Samantha will be completing her training at CVCC and finding full time employment. Samantha has been the ideal NextGen participant, and we are all looking forward to seeing what she achieves next!



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