STEP UP TO A CAREER AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE!

STEP UP’S ICAPS SUCCESS STORY: JOSH KEMP

The College of Lake County has helped Josh Kemp take two important steps upward: earning a high-school equivalency diploma and completing a Certified Nurse Assisting certificate program (a 7 credit hour course that is required for the Nursing degree program).

“Taking high-school equivalency classes at CLC’s Lakeshore Campus was my first experience attending public school,” noted Kemp, a Zion native who was home-schooled throughout grade school. Admitting that he “lacked the focus” to earn a traditional high-school diploma, he said he later completed CLC’s high-school equivalency course work after seeing his older sister first earn the credential.

With a new sense of achievement and self-confidence, Kemp decided to pursue a career in healthcare. Later, he learned through a letter in the mail that he was qualified for the Certified Nurse Assistant certificate program.

“The course was very helpful,” Kemp said. “Concepts such as medical terminology, which always perplexed me, became much easier to understand. And the practical, hands-on experience of the clinicals gave me an insight as to what to expect in the career.”

Kemp said he plans to continue his education in healthcare and one day become a registered nurse.

What are you waiting for? STEP UP today!

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At the College of Lake County, you can improve your English or earn a High School Equivalency diploma. But the college offers much more. Do you want to:
- Earn a college certificate program in a year or less?
- Get a better-paying job or career?
- If you answered yes to one or both questions, then check out CLC’s STEP UP program offered jointly by the Adult Education and ESL Division and various career programs.

What is the STEP UP program?
Step Up helps adult education students prepare for college, succeed in college and find a career.

To participate, follow these steps:

**STEP 1**
Enroll in a free Bridge to Careers program.

Improve your language, math and computer skills by applying your learning to a career field in:
- Healthcare
- Manufacturing
- Early childhood education
(Other Career Programs are being planned in the future.)

**STEP 2**
Earn a career certificate in one year or less while studying with a group of students in a program called the Integrated Career and Academic Preparation Systems (ICAPS), which offers eight certificate options:

**Healthcare certificates:**
- Certified Nurse Assisting (CNA)
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Healthcare Office Assistant
- Personal Care Aide (non-credit)

**Manufacturing certificates:**
- HVAC/Refrigeration Installation Technician
- Automotive Brakes and Suspension Specialist
- Automotive Oil Change Specialist
- Automotive Service Specialist

**Future ICAPS program certificates:**
- Administrative Office Systems
- Computer Information Technology
- Computerized Numerical Control

**STEP 3**
Get a Job
Meet with a Student Success Coordinator to assist you with:
- Resume and cover letter preparation
- Online job search engines
- Evaluation required qualifications
- Interview preparation

What you’ll receive in the ICAPS program:
- Free tuition and books in the first six credits.
- Opportunities to apply for financial aid or scholarships such as the Connect to Your Future Transition Scholarship.
- A student success coordinator assigned to you.
  This person will work with you every step of the way to help you register and connect with resources. He or she also will coach you to never to give up!
- Help finding a job after you graduate, from creating a resume to preparing for a job interview.
- An Adult Education instructor to help you succeed in ICAPS.

For example, let’s say you are taking Nurse Assisting (NUR 110) in the Certified Nursing Assistant program. To help you learn the material, an Adult Education instructor is in class teaching alongside the nurse assisting instructor. You’ll also take a support class taught by the Adult Education instructor. He or she will help you with homework, studying and test preparation.

Do You Qualify for STEP UP programs?
As an Adult Education student, you can enroll in Step 1 (the Bridge to Careers program) if you meet the requirements based on scores from the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE).*

You can qualify for Step 2 (ICAPS) if you:
- Are registered in Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education, ESL, and Bridge to Careers at CLC.
- Meet specific career certificate program requirements.
- Attend a New Student Orientation for ICAPS students.

If you qualify, you must submit an ICAPS application and interview with Adult Education administrators.

* The TABE requirement does not apply if you’re enrolled in the Bridge to Early Childhood and Education (ECE). Enrollment in the ECE program is based on test scores or teacher recommendation.