

# STEPHANIE PREACHER

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## Governor's NCWorks Awards of Distinction OUTSTANDING ADULT

In April 2018 Stephanie began her relationship with the staff of the NCWorks Career Center in Raleigh (Swinburne). The following month, she became dislocated from her job as a warehouse worker and explored new career options for a more sustainable career. She enrolled in CNA training, but had to withdraw after one week due to illness. She was later able to restart her training, which she completed in October 2018 with a 91% grade point average. Immediately after passing her CNA licensure exam, she began work at a home health agency.

Eager to prepare for the next phase of her career path, she worked with Center staff to secure funding for training as a CNA II. She was slated to begin classes in the summer of 2019, but the class she selected was cancelled. While this was disheartening and discouraging, Stephanie didn't let it stop her from pursuing a better life for her and her children. Working in conjunction with Center staff, she was able to begin in another class and successfully completed CNA II at Wake Technical Community College in December 2019. She quickly obtained a CNA position with UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill and began working full-time in January 2020 at a more sustainable wage. Stephanie's career and income grew again in September, when she began her new position as a COVID-19 screener with National Healthcare Solutions/NC Department of Revenue.

Stephanie faced many challenges throughout her career journey. She began with a struggle to improve her basic academic skills and persevered through a series of financial and health challenges, always picking herself up and continuing on her path to self-sufficiency. Throughout those uncertain times, she remained steadfast in focusing on the bigger picture and continued to push forward. She contacted her Talent Development Advisor at the NCWorks Career Center when she had an issue or needed encouragement.

Her strong work ethic, faith, ability to stay the course, and willingness to tap into available resources helped her reach her career goals and create a stable home for her children. This makes her a deserving recipient of the Governor's Award of Distinction – Outstanding Adult.