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## ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Latasha Wallace | Illinois

Adult education helped hard-working Latasha go from a minimum wage job to a family-sustaining career. A single mom of six children, Latasha never had the opportunity to finish high school. Even as a young woman, Latasha had always dreamed of becoming a nurse, but she thought life had placed too many obstacles in her way.

Finally Latasha decided to accomplish something for herself. She enrolled in an adult education program that first helped her obtain her GED® credential. Once she received her high school equivalency, Latasha was accepted into a nursing program. She worked in a cardiology clinic as a medical assistant every day and went to school after work every night to take her classes. All the while, Latasha continued to care for her children.

Today she is enrolled in Verve College and is a third of the way through the Licenced Practical Nurse (LPN) program. In six more months, she will have completed the entire program, and she hopes to continue on and earn her Registered Nurse (RN) credential next. Adult education provided Latasha with the ability to pursue her lifelong dream while paying her bills and caring for her children. Her move from a low-paying job to a high-paying career has made all the difference to her family. She hopes her example will inspire her children to value education and never give up on their dreams. ■