



Kimberly Brown, HGTC Patient Care Technician student, performs what she's learned on a fellow student in the phlebotomy class at HGTC.



Christine Farrior (right), HGTC Professor of Phlebotomy and 2024 HGTC Professor of the Year (left), instructs Kimberly Brown, HGTC Patient Care Technician student, in her phlebotomy class.

HGTC Continues Zero Tuition Programs for 2024-2025

SCWINS Scholarship Transforms Life of Single Mother, Paving Way for Future in Healthcare

Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) is thrilled to announce the continuation of its zero tuition programs for the 2024-2025 academic year. With the South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS), a statewide technical college scholarship program designed to address workforce shortages in South Carolina, HGTC will be able to offer more than 65 programs with zero tuition.

HGTC is proud to highlight the inspirational journey of Kimberly Brown, a 26-year-old single mother whose life has been transformed by the SCWINS scholarship. Kimberly's story is a testament to resilience, hard work, and the power of education.

She initially completed a certificate in office administration after high school. However, her passion

for the medical field remained unfulfilled. As a single mother with a 15-month-old daughter, Kimberly faced significant financial challenges. Prior to her pregnancy, she worked 14-hour shifts in sales, a job she excelled in and enjoyed. But the demands of motherhood necessitated a career change, leading her to part-time work as a restaurant server, while also caring for her disabled mother.

Despite these challenges, Kimberly's determination to improve her life and provide a better future for her daughter never wavered. In May 2024, she began classes at HGTC, aiming to complete the Patient Care Technician program by spring 2025. Today she is completing her clinicals in phlebotomy at Waccamaw Hospital, demonstrating her commitment and dedication to her studies.

Kimberly credits the SCWINS scholarship for making her educational journey possible.

"The scholarship has helped me so much," she shared. "I did work before I got pregnant with my daughter, but with the 14-hour shifts, I just was not able to continue. When I initially sought to go back to school, I was turned down for financial aid because I was making enough income at my previous employer. I had given up on my dream and then, my advisor told me about the SCWINS program. Of course, without the scholarship, I couldn't financially go back to school on my own. Being in the medical field has been a long-term goal of mine, and this scholarship is providing me with a way to do that."

The Patient Care Technician program at HGTC is an

accelerated program, preparing students like Kimberly for immediate employment in the healthcare sector.

Her long-term goal is to continue her education by pursuing an associate degree in nursing, with hopes of eventually becoming a teacher in the field. Her dedication to caring for others has been a driving force throughout her life, and she is eager to make a positive impact in her community.

Kimberly Brown's story is a powerful reminder of how scholarships and educational opportunities can change lives. HGTC is honored to be part of her journey and looks forward to seeing her achieve her dreams.



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