

Student Success Story



Jazmen's Story

A graduate from Medtech, a premier medical education facility in Indiana and Kentucky, recounts her story.

Hi. I'm Jazmen. To most people, I'm just a statistic. Recent college graduate. Single mother. 24 years old. But statistics are misleading, or at least incomplete. They don't reflect what it means to be me and the road I've traveled to earn a degree and make a better life for myself and my son.

Jazmen's goal: to inspire others to pursue their education

About a year ago, I realized I had to make a change. With a 4-year old son to support, I decided it was time to get serious with my, or rather, our future. A friend recommended the nine-month medical assisting program at Medtech, and I enrolled. I'm not going to lie, it was a grueling nine months. In addition to intensive, demanding courses and taking care of my son, I was soon faced with the death of my mother.

When she passed, it was all I could do to even show up for class. Fortunately, with support from my teachers, fellow classmates and friends, I stuck to it and completed the program.

Upon graduation, I knew that I was ready to thrive at work. The rigorous program at Medtech had prepared me well. But, as I sat waiting for my first job interview, I measured myself up against the other candidates. I realized that we all looked the same on paper. We all had the same degree. We all had the same certifications. It made me nervous. I have great communication skills and can deal with any patient, but interviews are a different story. What could I do to stand out? How could I show the interviewer that I had the skills that are most important to the job?

How to stand out among other job candidates

The answer came from my career services advisor, Angela. She suggested I take a test from a hiring company, Wonderlic. She told me that they had designed a test that would measure my strengths in an applied format. She also told me that I would earn digital badges in the areas of my greatest strengths. I didn't think there was anything to lose, so I signed up and took the test.

It was incredible. First, the online monitoring system allowed me to take the test from home. Then, the questions on the test were fantastic! They were challenging, but they forced me to use what I had learned in workplace situations.

It wasn't just a multiple-choice test, it was a true measure of what I can do. Despite the distractions from my son, I did really well. I earned ten badges and a ton of confidence. I had independent proof, from a hiring company no less, that I mastered ten skills that employers care about most!

Digital badges helped her to land the job

I walked into my interview with something other candidates didn't have - digital badges that prove my strengths. These badges gave me newfound confidence that I can and will be successful in my career. I was much more confident as I spoke with hiring managers and future co-workers knowing that I had these credentials to back up my education. Now for the really good part, I got my dream job!

So, if you're on the fence about taking the MVP assessment, jump off and go for it! I promise you will find a new perspective of yourself. I finally feel competent and capable to be a great Medical Assistant, all while creating an amazing life for me and my son.

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