



SC WORKS TRIDENT PROGRAM FORGES PATHWAY FOR SINGLE MOTHER *DRIVEN TO FIND THE PERFECT WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE BALANCE*

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (Feb. 9, 2018) — Expectant mother, high-school graduate and Ravenel native, Rishita Scott, turned to [SC Works Trident](#) to help her find long-term career stability while juggling the day-to-day demands.

With encouragement from her mother, Scott arrived at SC Works Trident in February 2017 and enrolled in the Incumbent Workers Training (IWT) program. She scheduled the required program Tabs test later the same day and received Basic Skills Deficient in both math and reading.

Scott improved her skills for training eligibility with help from Lead GED Instructor Marie Morgan. After less than one month in remediation, she increased both scores, became eligible for training, and earned a Silver WorkKeys score from the Career Smart Assessment.

"It was such pleasure working with Rishita," said Morgan. "Her drive, determination and positive attitude made even the most difficult tasks seem easy."

While guided by SC Works Trident career counselors, Rishita communicated interest in the Medical Assistant program at Trident Technical College. She was approved and began training in June 2017.

As a single mother, training proved to be more challenging than Scott initially thought and she struggled to maintain passing scores while taking care of her three-year-old son. But through perseverance and determination, she increased her test scores and passed her final exam.

Trident Technical College Instructors noted she was the best in the class as it relates to drawing blood, and suggested she look into also earning her phlebotomy certification.

Scott completed the program on November 22, 2017 and is currently in the externship clinical phase of her training.

“I had to kick it into high-gear so I could provide the best life for my baby,” said Scott. “This program is helping me create the stable, steady and ready life I need to succeed.”

Once completed, she will take both the Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy certification exams with hopes of becoming certified in both areas.

“She works very hard and deserves every success,” said Morgan. “I wish her the very best.”

For more information on the SC Works Trident Incumbent Worker Training Program, please visit tridentscworks.org.

About SC Works Trident

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