

# Kaley Hatton

## Medical Assisting

Kaley Hatton is a former Trainer Connect Student.

“I got pregnant in high school and had my oldest child in 2012,” she said. “I dropped out of school and got my G.E.D. and when I was 17, I enrolled in classes at IVY Tech for pre-nursing classes, but due to the lack of help with my son, I dropped out and had no desire to go back.”

The following year, she would become pregnant again, lose the child before birth, get married and become pregnant again.

Kaley would become a stay-at-home mother of three, and as much as she dreamed of working in the medical field, she never thought it would be a real option. “I couldn't imagine how I would attend school and take care of 3 children,” she said. “I also didn't believe I had the potential to even pass any classes.”

In 2017, Kaley got a divorce and had to go from being a stay-at-home mother to a single working mom. “My mental health was at an all-time low,” she said. “Leaving my kids after always being with them and working jobs I didn't even like was draining everything out of me. This went on for a couple of years, jumping in between jobs because I was unable to work the job I wanted.”

In 2019, that all changed.

“I learned about Trainer Connect, and how the medical assistant classes could be free with a scholarship, and it was only 12 weeks long,” said Kaley. “The classes were also at night, which allowed me to still work during the day. Going into the class, I was super skeptical, and I had no confidence. Within the first few weeks, I could see how much my confidence had grown, but I was still scared that I would never get a job in the medical field.”

In November of 2019, before even completing the class, Kaley was offered that job she once dreamed about. She was hired as a medical assistant and was able to work and complete the class. “It was a huge bonus because I got paid for my clinicals,” she said. “I passed my NHA test in December 2019 and have been

working as a medical assistant since then. Not only did this opportunity give me the chance to follow my dreams and provide financial stability while doing what I love, it also gave me so much confidence. The teachers were so uplifting and did everything in their power to make sure we had everything we needed to succeed.”

She’s now a medical assistant in an oncology and hematology office. She said the first job in the medical field proved to her how much she enjoys her job. “I was able to see how much I loved working in this field and have confidence in myself,” she said. “I will now be starting school in just a couple weeks to become a RN. Trainer Connect did so much for my life, and I am forever thankful for the path it has led me down.

“Without this program, I truly believe I would still be stuck working at a job I didn't even like and struggling to make ends meet. I have such a rewarding job and have met so many amazing people along the way.”

Kaley says her time with Trainer Connect was a life-changing experience.