

## NextGen Lee Success Story: Kourtney Ellerby

Kourtney Ellerby came to the NCWorks Career Center in Lee County in December of 2018 and was informed of the benefits of the WIOA NextGen (Youth) Program. Kourtney's ultimate career goal is to own and operate a mobile dental unit, so she decided to utilize the funding provided by the Triangle South Workforce Development Board's WIOA NextGen Program, to earn her Dental Assisting credentials from Sandhill's Dental Career Center.



As an individual who has dealt with life challenges in the past, Kourtney was determined to complete training so she could obtain employment, earning enough wages to become financially stable, obtain independence, and establish a permanent residency.

Throughout her training, Kourtney remained in constant contact with her WIOA Case Manager and reported to the NCWorks Career Center every two weeks to provide updates on her progress. On March 16th, 2019, Kourtney earned her Dental Assisting Certification earning an overall grade of 100% in her class.

Kourtney is now receiving assistance with obtaining suitable employment in her field of training. Once employed, she will be able to successfully obtain permanent housing and provide for herself. Kourtney brought her certification into the office and was extremely proud of herself and thankful for the opportunity provided by the TSWDB NextGen Program.

Picture Caption: L to R: NextGen Workforce Specialist Margarette Allen, NextGen Case Manager Marcelle Ford, Kourtney Ellerby, and NextGen Supervisor Renee Harris at the NCWorks Career Center in Lee County.