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“WorkSource has made a significant impact in helping me achieve my goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. WorkSource has helped me tremendously by assisting with book fees for college classes, providing gas cards to attend courses, covering the cost of required classroom attire, and covering exam fees to take my state boards for nursing.”

*Sarah
WorkSource Douglas*

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Congratulations to Sarah on joining the healthcare community as a newly certified Registered Nurse!

Sarah first engaged with WorkSource Douglas in August 2021, when she contacted the center to inquire about support with tuition for the Nursing program at Umpqua Community College (UCC). Sarah was scheduled for an appointment with her STEP coach, with whom she made a plan of next steps for her long-term career goal of becoming a Nurse.

Sarah worked diligently to complete the prerequisite coursework at UCC while beginning work as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) in October of 2021. Alongside her STEP coach, Sarah was able to receive support from the STEP program, including assistance with transportation, digital inclusion, textbooks and supplies, and tuition costs for coursework at both UCC and Eastern Oregon University (EOU).

With sustained support from STEP, Sarah was able to complete the requirements to apply for UCC's Nursing program in the Spring of 2023. Her STEP coach ensured wraparound support by connecting her with UCC's STEP program, which allowed Sarah to maintain progress toward her career goal while working and going to school. Sarah began the Nursing program in the Fall of 2023 and attended classes through June of 2025, at which point STEP services supported Sarah with the costs of testing and licensure fees.

Sarah completed the Nursing exam and obtained her license to practice, after which STEP supports ensured work attire as she began her new career.

As of July 2025, Sarah is employed as a Nurse with Mercy Hospital in Roseburg.