

SUCCESS STORY UPDATE: DENISE MARTINEZ



Denise Martinez participated in the I-CATCH program in Snohomish County, Washington, in 2012. When we last spoke to her in 2015, she had completed the program and was working as an I-CATCH Instructional Tech, helping new participants find their way. We recently reconnected with Denise and learned about all the great things she's accomplished since beginning her journey.

Funded by a Health Profession Opportunities Grant (HPOG) under the Affordable Care Act, the Innovations in Creating Access To Careers in Healthcare (I-CATCH) program equips participants with classroom and lab training to prepare them for in-demand healthcare jobs.

Business Access has been the I-CATCH technical partner since the program began in 2011. Participants receive BA's patented In-Home Learning System to obtain the digital and workplace skills they need to thrive in the healthcare field.

While working for I-CATCH, Denise continued with school. In May of this year she received an associate degree with certification as a Medical Assistant and passed the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) exam.

Now, after much hard work and dedication, Denise finally has the job she's been dreaming of.

"I have been hired on with Swedish Medical Group in a Primary Care position, with a focus on Functional Medicine, which pertains more to holistic care. I absolutely love it!"

Even with help from her mentors and support system in the I-CATCH program, Denise's accomplishments were no small feat. A single mother of three, she has worked especially hard to achieve her dreams and provide for her family. She told us that although her 12-hour shifts are long, with 14-20 patients per day, she loves her work and looks forward to the road ahead. She's already planning on returning to school within the next few years to work on her nursing degree.

