

CASE STUDY



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**UChicago
Medicine**

Skills partner since 2014



Success Story

Loretta Smith, pictured above, was tired of living paycheck to paycheck as a retirement home aide.

After years of applying to jobs, never receiving a response, a work errand at UChicago Medicine led a colleague to tell her about Skills. Working with our team, Loretta joined UCM as a Patient Transport Specialist.

“It was such a blessing to get that big break. With my foot in the door, I was determined to take every opportunity to continue moving up. When I learned about UCM’s Career Pathway program, I immediately jumped at the chance.”

After earning her Patient Care Tech license, Loretta is now a full-time nursing support assistant. Thanks to Skills and UCM, she has the financial security to provide for her three sons: she’s a first-time home-buyer and even bought her first-ever brand-new car!

The Company

The University of Chicago Medical Center (UCM), with a history dating to 1927, is a non-profit academic health system based on the University of Chicago campus in Hyde Park. Its footprint includes hospitals, outpatient clinics, and physician practices through Chicago and the suburbs.

UChicago Medicine is committed to impacting the health, economic mobility, and quality of life of its community—they are currently the largest employer on Chicago’s South Side.

The Partnership

Since joining forces in 2014, Skills and UCM have placed 578 candidates into meaningful employment through direct hire opportunities and Career Pathway programs.

In October 2021, Skills honored UChicago Medicine with the Champion for the Unemployed Award at the 7th Annual Employment Champions Breakfast.

We’re proud to work with Skills. Through our partnership, we have been able to hire so many wonderful people from within our community that are dedicated to our patients and making sure they are cared for every day. The Skills team is extremely responsive and adaptive to our hiring needs. They are a great partner.

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