Debbie Schwandt talks with Shalonda Black at their work place in Kishwaukee.

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Debbie Schwandt, a veteran and Business Management graduate, tells how Gateway has been a good experience for her.

"It wasn't by trial and error. I knew because I was trained to do it the way I was trained to do it."

Debbie was able to apply, benefit, and provide for her family.

Russel Timms served three tours in Iraq as an Army combat engineer. He graduated from Gateway in 2002 prior to enlisting, but looked to Gateway when he returned to train in aviation and build the foundation for his future.

"Gateways Technical College graduate Adam Jacobson was working in his field while yet in student. Each night he applied the skills he learned in the classroom during the day. His Gateway experience opened the door for his current role as Rose Polytechneic Composites in Milwaukee.

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Adam says the advanced technology required of retail and advanced manufacturing are what drew him to the program, which caters to Gateways Technical College veterans.

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"Gateway gave me everything I needed to succeed at my job," says Debbie. "I feel like I'm doing work that I feel comfortable with."

Debbie says her accelerated learning center provided her with the skills she needed.

"The two worked hand-in-hand," says Adam. "I would work on a project at the college, then work on it at my job. It was, positive reinforcement. I really thought I was better able to understand my job now because of the better education and because I'm better employed in this position."

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"I would not be where I am without Gateway," says Adam. "I was happy that the degree gave me a lot of basics in many areas, which open up the number of possible jobs for which one can apply."

"There is a lot going on at Gateway that benefits the veterans," says Russel. "The counseling, the workshops, the vets' center... all has been a good experience for me."}

Gateway serves those who served our country.
RACING TO EXCELLENCE

Gateway provides skills employers and economy need

Gateway Technical College continues to emphasize its mission to expand its service learning opportunities to students. The college provides a quality education that prepares students for their future careers and the workforce. Gateway has seen significant growth in recent years with an increase in student enrollment and graduation rates. This growth has been attributed to the college's commitment to providing high-quality education and training programs that meet the needs of the local economy.

The college offers a wide range of programs in various fields, including automotive, manufacturing, information technology, business administration, and health sciences. These programs are designed to prepare students for careers in high-demand industries, such as healthcare, technology, and manufacturing.

Gateway Technical College has a strong reputation for its high-quality education and training programs. The college has partnerships with businesses and industries to ensure that its programs are relevant and meet the needs of the local workforce. This partnership helps to ensure that graduates are prepared for success in their chosen careers.

In conclusion, Gateway Technical College is an excellent choice for students seeking a high-quality education and training program that prepares them for success in their chosen careers. The college's commitment to excellence and partnerships with businesses and industries make it an ideal place for students to succeed in their future careers.
Facility work to make accessing services easier

A 15,000-square-foot addition to an existing Gateway Technical College facility will provide critically needed programs and equipment to address a shortage in trained workforce areas for area manufacturers and skilled employees. Business leaders said it was needed at the groundbreaking ceremony for the integrated Man- 
ufacturing and Engineering Technology Center, 2370 Renaissance Blvd., Sheboygan, for the need for the building to be offered at the facility exists now—and into the future.

The two-floor addition will be made to the facility to offer students specialized manufacturing and industry and processes, as well. "This addition will include services students need, and quickly," says Jerome. "It will provide them with the means to learn and develop in. This brings all of the services under one roof, which will all be focused in that one area. It is more organized and will make that process so much more efficient for our students." In addition, space has been configured to make resources more accessible through how key services are positioned in the area. A large area is being remodeled into a Student Services Area on the Racine Campus, which will pull all the services students need to enroll and navigate through Gateway in one area. "We are simply, make it easier to gain access to Gateway and what we provide to students," says Koukounis. "The services students need are located in a concentrated area at Gateway or the workforce. "We are looking to meet the needs of the students who are enrolling here, attending here and nearing their gradua-

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Internal certificates quickly prepare students for work

Training provides skills for current workers to upgrade career, earning potential

Gateway’s internal certificates meet the needs of students and current workers by quickly delivering specific training and credentials needed in the workforce today. Certificates are set up through the input of curriculum committees and area business leaders to ensure that the skills are those which are needed the most in the specific industries – providing training and skills sought by employers. Enrollment for the certificates is flexible, too – anyone who is not currently a Gateway student.

Workers in the field may see their job description change as the needs of their employer changes – oftentimes, requiring skills they fail to possess. The internal certificates can quickly deliver that needed training, whether it’s adding to the job skills of those working on the floor or introducing them to a completely different career.

Certificates benefit the certificates from the opportunity to acquire specific, real-world skills and credentials they can use on the job, but also to continue their education and career and the increased earning potential that goes with it. The short course outline of the certificates – most consist of three to six courses, or 9 to 18 credits – allows students to complete them yet also build them toward a diploma or degree. The credits earned apply toward the related associate degree program – providing students the added security that the courses are transferable.

An example of an internal certificate is the 23-credit Medical Billing Gateway’s most popular internal certificate. It trains students to analyze health information and assign codes to index diagnoses and procedures to provide information for reimbursement purposes. This certificate can quickly deliver the skills needed training, whether it’s adding to the job skills of those working on the floor or introducing them to a completely different career.

Certificates allow students to earn their degree at a slower pace, if needed – the certificate will provide them with the credentials to work in their current work area or introducing them to a completely different career. The anticipated wage they will equip him well for an in-demand job field.

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McQuade was able to enroll at Gateway because of its commitment to real-world, hands-on training. "I was a Racin native, I have lived here all of my life, and when I decided to attend college, I knew that I wanted to attend Gateway," says Maurice. "I know that the easier way for me to learn is hands-on, and Gateway Technical College was my first choice."

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Knowledge, technology help fuel current job

Gateway Interior Design students find that the fast-paced, intuitive learning environment at Gateway allows them to enter and succeed in their career.

Studying in the Gateway Interior Design program because of its similarities to fashion design, the flexible class schedule, the access to training materials and even the Gateway bulldog. She worked full-time the entire time she was earning her degree, but says her instructors and instructors were understanding and helped her to work through that process.

"I discovered a lot of the things I learned at Chicago, but I was learning them in a different way," says Damiris. "I’d also like Gateway because it’s so accessible. Everything is there, it was convenient in many ways."

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