## SKILLS FOR ACADEMIC, VOCATIONAL AND ENGLISH STUDIES

## SAVES Program

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## Becoming the heart of healthcare with the SAVES

Judite Marie Bernard is from Haiti. Ever since she was a child, she has always wanted a life in a country where opportunities were limitless and although she is a woman that loves her country, with all the pain in her soul she migrated to the United States where her dream job was in the medicine field as a nurse. In the search for opportunities, she learned about the Skill for Academic, Vocational, and English Studies (SAVES) program at North Miami Adult Education Center where she was offered an enrollment opportunity for the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes.

Judite was astonished by the number of opportunities the program offered her, therefore, she decided to enroll in the ESOL classes while SAVES paid for them. After feeling comfortable with the English language, she decided to do the vocational program and realized that she could accomplish her dream job by staying with SAVES, so she decided to continue with the program and enrolled in the Nursing Assistant program at North Miami adult Education Center where the SAVES program helped her economically. While completing the program she was very determined and focused. She took her classes very seriously as she was motivated to finish her classes to get her certificate in the Nursing Assistant program. Judite's goal when she migrated to the United States was to try very hard to accomplish her goal and not deviate from it. Today she has finished the Nursing Assistant program and now awaiting to take the State Board Exam to get her license. She is overjoyed by her accomplishment of obtaining this certificate. When life got hard for her these words always kept her going "Ce qui ne te tue pas te rend plus fort." which means what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

