

# THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



## Mikaela Classen

ACCOUNTANT

It has taken Mikaela Classen a few years to figure out the right career path for her. Now that she has, she's grateful that Columbus Community Hospital is offering her tuition reimbursement as she works toward her associate's degree.

Classen is currently enrolled at Central Community College – Columbus Campus to earn her Associate of Business Administration degree. While she's taking classes, she also works as an accountant for the hospital. **"I love working with numbers, so I couldn't ask for a better position or career,"** she said.

Growing up, she watched her mom work for a hospital and thought she might like a career in health care. Back in 2020, she came to Columbus Community Hospital because she had heard it was a wonderful place to work.

After working in accounts receivable and billing and coding, Classen started her current job as an accountant in early

2024. She reconciles and balances the hospital's general ledgers and bank accounts, performs payor credentialing and bills for client billing and doctor charges.

One of the benefits hospital employees receive is the opportunity to receive reimbursement for college tuition. This benefit enabled Classen to take her classes while still working in the job she loves.

When she's not working at the hospital or taking classes, Classen enjoys playing both court and sand volleyball, spending time hunting and gardening, and helping out on her family farm.

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