



## Gracie G. Hessong

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Gracie Hessong is a test and instrumentation specialist for John Deere Dubuque Works. Hessong started as an NICC student taking evening classes, but after a job loss from Rockwell-Collins because of 9/11, Hessong enrolled at NICC full time to complete her degree and improve her marketability. At John Deere, Hessong uses

her education to maintain and calibrate electronics, such as transducers, data acquisition systems, and other test equipment. She currently serves on the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, the John Deere Community Service, the Civil Rights Committee, and Deere's Six Sigma group. Locally, Hessong coaches 6th grade girls' basketball and athletes on the Sophomore Club Volleyball team. She also teaches confirmation classes at her church. Hessong gives back to NICC as an Advisory Committee member to provide input on curriculum, and speaks to groups about nontraditional careers for women at NICC sponsored special events. She and her husband, Steve, have five children and live in Maquoketa.