

# ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

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Anneyris came to adult education to further her career prospects. Growing up on a small farm in Venezuela, Anneyris found that there were not many educational opportunities for her. She moved to the city of Caracas when she was 14-years-old and was able to enroll in classes and get her education.

Later in life, Anneyris moved to the United States. She quickly realized that English skills were necessary for further employment opportunities, and enrolled in adult education classes at the Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC). She states, “I started taking English classes at APDC to improve my speaking, fluency and vocabulary, and then I saw a very big door open.” Anneyris realized that if her English skills improved enough, she would be able to become a medical interpreter. Medical interpretation is in very high demand in the United States and is an extremely well-paying job. This inspired her to work very hard in her English classes now that she had a specific career goal in mind.

Today, Anneyris has reached level six in her English classes at APDC. She is currently taking classes to complete the science and social studies portions of the GED® exam. She has already passed two subjects, math and language arts. She had the chance to study for her medical interpreter certification exam and scored a 96% score on her test. She is now a professional interpreter, but her dreams have not stopped there. Now that she has achieved this first step, she desires to go to college and remain in the medical field as a nutritionist. She states, “These careers allow me to help my community professionally, and serve other people.” ■

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