

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY



Ashanti Posey | Virginia



Adult education was there for Ashanti when she was ready for a change. When a vicious rumor began to spread about her in high school, Ashanti decided to drop out. She was tired of the bullying and for years had not felt successful in school. Her mother added insult to injury by ridiculing her for dropping out.

In an effort to please her mother, Ashanti joined a GED® program briefly until her mother told her that she should not even try because she was not smart enough to pass. This discouragement was enough to make Ashanti give up on education.

Later in life, in 2013, Ashanti gave birth to a son. Soon after, he was diagnosed with Autism. Ashanti knew that she wanted more for herself and for her son if she was going to have to parent alone. She rejoined a GED program, studied hard, and passed all sections of the test. She states, “When I saw that I had passed my final test and was finally a GED® graduate I felt a sense of accomplishment and a boost to my confidence but, more importantly, I knew that I was being a good role model to my son!”

Today Ashanti plans to become a pharmacy technician and continue on to higher education to get a degree in human services. She writes, “Receiving my degree in Human Services will give me the necessary skills and foundation to grow the career of my dreams: one where I can help to empower those in need. It would be an honor to play a role in changing someone's life and seeing their transformation as they gain confidence, self-reliance, and a new outlook on life.” ■

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