

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Bruce McCallie | Tennessee



Adult education put Bruce on the fast track to starting his future. Bruce is an 18-year-old originally from St. Petersburg, Florida. His family relocated to Kingsport, Tennessee when he was in the 10th grade. His family needed a lot of help during this time, and he did not feel confident in his ability to complete high school, so made the difficult decision not to return.

His mother firmly believed in his ability to achieve a high school diploma, and with his mother's encouragement Bruce enrolled in an adult education program hosted by Northeast State Community College (NSCC). Always a quiet and humble student, Bruce worked hard, and when he was assessed by the adult education staff, they determined he was qualified for the fast track HiSET® program.

Since entering the adult education program, Bruce was able to grow in his literacy skills. After a short amount of time, Bruce qualified for a HiSET® testing voucher by scoring exceptionally high on his official practice test. His scores showed he was well prepared for all five subjects. Bruce passed his HiSET® exam in March 2022. He is grateful for the staff who helped him understand the testing process and the college opportunities before him. Bruce is currently working with his program's career coach to figure out his best career option plan. He is also researching post-secondary education options near him. ■

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