

# ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

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In January of 2020, Tania enrolled in the Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) Adult Education Program. Walking in on the first day, she felt nervous, but as she looked around the room, she saw many people just like her who were hoping for a second chance. Soon, these strangers became a community of accountability for her. She writes about the experience, “We each pushed ourselves to pass each test. We cried and rejoiced as each one of us would pass one test at a time. Being part of the GED® program was one of the best experiences ever! It boosted my confidence like no other and pivoted me towards college.” Tania passed her GED® in February of 2020, right before the pandemic hit.

Today Tania works as an administrative assistant at the NWACC adult education center, and has been a full-time student at NWACC for three semesters. She plans to attend Missouri Southern State University in the fall where she will continue her undergraduate degree in psychology and eventually a Master’s in counseling. ■

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