

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Wendy Longmoore | Vermont



Adult education empowered Wendy to get her high school diploma, long after she had dropped out. During December of her senior year in high school, Wendy decided to leave school. She was not even missed. She felt alone and abandoned. Later that year she got married and had a daughter. Within two years, she was divorced and moved back in with her parents on their family farm.

When her daughter turned four-years-old, she went to an adult education program and passed her GED® exam. Wendy still longed for an actual high school diploma, but times demanded that she work instead.

When Wendy happened upon a brochure at the bank for an adult education program called Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE), she knew this was the right option for her. Wendy immediately drove over to the nearest CVABE and enrolled in classes. Within a few months she had received her high school diploma and was ready for the next step. She first became a licensed nursing assistant (LNA) through a program at Vermont Technical College, and eventually became a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

Today she has achieved her dream of becoming a registered nurse (RN) and works on the medical/surgical floor at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury. She knows that taking that first step into adult education is the reason she has accomplished her dreams. She states, “[Receiving] The high school diploma marked a stepping stone to becoming a LNA, then an LPN and now an RN. I am proud to have become a registered nurse.” ■

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