

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

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Adult education gave Wurood's dreams purpose and direction. Wurood arrived in the United States from Iraq in 2009. She first lived in North Carolina and began to take classes to learn English. She knew how important learning English would be to gaining career opportunities in this country, so even when they moved to Virginia, she continued to further her education. This time she decided to pursue her GED exam.

She began taking GED preparatory classes at the Massanutten Technical Center (MTC) in the Fall of 2020. Some sections of the exam were more difficult for her than others.

She had to repeat the language arts section of the exam twice, but after a lot of studying and practice, she was able to complete it. Even with personal problems cropping up in her family, Wurood never gave up and persevered.

By Fall of 2021, Wurood passed all sections of the exam. During this time, she also enrolled in one of the Integrated Education and Training (IET) programs. She completed the direct care aide class and then she enrolled in the certified nurse aide (CNA) class, all at MTC. She passed her State Boards of Nursing Licensing CNA exam with flying colors.

Today, she is enrolled in the medication aide class for the fall. A medication aide is a CNA that is certified to administer medication. Her goal for the future is to apply for the licensed practical nurse (LPN) program and continue on in her nursing journey. ■

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