Adult education gave Cristian the chance to get his diploma in the United States. Always an enthusiastic learner, Cristian came from Colombia with his mother and brothers at nineteen years old with hopes of finishing his education and pursuing a career in the medical field. When he arrived, however, he found that he was too old to enroll in high school.

Fortunately, Cristian was referred to Carter Adult Education (CAE). His friendly, dedicated teachers, or “angels” as he called them, explained what he needed to do to earn his GED® and encouraged him along the way. With their guidance and instruction, Cristian focused on improving his math and reading skills to prepare for his exams. In just a few months, he took and passed them all. His teachers were also extremely valuable to him as language and culture experts, helping him get to know American culture and communicate with American people better.

Cristian knows that he still has a long journey ahead of him, but he is full of hope and anticipation for what the future may hold. He states, “I love helping people. That’s why one of my main goals is to work in the healthcare field, whether I become a nurse or if God wants me to become a great doctor in a specialization such as pediatrics.” Cristian acknowledges that none of these goals would have been a possibility without the opportunity that adult education gave him. He looks forward to his next step of attending college and determining which medical position he will decide to pursue.

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