



ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

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Adult education helped Lily pass her GED® exam in record time. At 17 years old, Lily needed an alternative to traditional schooling due to personal life circumstances. Lily’s mother had just recently passed the GED® exam, and this gave Lily an idea. She realized that if she obtained her GED® credential, she could skip the last portion of high school and begin her adult life to escape some personal problems she was having at home.

Traditional school was not a good fit for Lily, but adult education classes allowed her to gain all the knowledge she needed to pass and receive her GED® diploma and move on with her life. During this process, she would get up each day and drive 30 minutes to her job at a deli, work from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., and then go to the Adult Learning Center (ALC) to work on her GED® prep. Because of her tenacity, drive, and intelligence, she was able to conquer her GED® in a shocking eight days, passing her last official test on December 15, 2021.

Lily decided she wasn’t going to stop by just passing her GED® exam. She had a bigger vision of attending college. She immediately enrolled as a full-time student for the spring semester at Lake Region State College, and she began taking classes toward an associate degree in business management and accounting with the goal of working as a personal banker one day.

Lily’s advice to anyone facing challenges is, “Focus on yourself. Balance your life, and if you need help, ask for it.” She stands firm in her belief there are always people willing to help, you just need to find them. ■

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