



# ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Majd Saad | Oklahoma

Adult education gave Majd a path back to the success he had experienced in his home country of Syria. Back home, Majd was a pharmacist for many years. Due to the dangerous conflict in his country, he applied for the U.S. visa lottery program and was given a visa in spring of 2022.

He came to Oklahoma City to live with a member of his extended family. He was told about English classes through Oklahoma City Community College's (OCCC) adult learning program and decided to learn more, hoping to improve his English. At orientation, he was excited to learn about the Pharmacy Tech ESL program, and he was amazed to find such a perfect opportunity for him. He applied to be in the class and was quickly accepted.

Majd was a wonderful student in the class. Although his English skills were not very strong, he was a hard worker and absorbed every detail, especially about career readiness. After being told he would need adequate typing skills to be employed in the U.S, he began practicing typing and went from typing six words per minute in English to 35 words per minute in just four months.

Majd completed the program in December 2022 and immediately interviewed for a position at a partner company, Pharmacorr. Pharmacorr was extremely impressed with Majd's work ethic to complete his certification, and they hired him immediately. Today, Majd is successfully employed and making a great salary in his desired field of study within one year of arriving in America. He is thankful for the clear path and constant support adult education provided for him to achieve his career goals as he begins his new life in America. ■

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