

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Mousumi Murmu | Michigan



Adult education in America opened doors for Mousumi that may not have been possible in her home country of India. Mousumi was the first in her family to graduate from college, but once she married and had children, she was expected to focus on taking care of her family.

In Michigan, Mousumi found that there were various options for her to attend English classes online while also balancing her time as a mother and helping her children in school. Here, at the Kent Intermediate School District (ISD) Mousumi learned about the online Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes with the Literacy Center and Goodwill Employment Services.

Mousumi completed the class successfully, passed the state certification exam, and is now working at Holland Home as a CNA. Mousumi enjoyed learning more advanced medical vocabulary because it is closely related to her degree as a veterinarian in her home country. Mousumi states she, “felt at home at Goodwill in this class – they built me up and helped me with my goals.” She was also surprised by how much support they received in the class: “I was very surprised about the job fair – I thought we would have to look for a job, but they brought the employers to us. Everything we needed was in one place.” Mousumi is grateful for her new career. She says that when she puts her scrubs on in the morning, she knows her children look at her and feel proud. ■

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