

# ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Toneshia Nelson | Mississippi



Adult education gave Toneshia a second chance. A wife, mother and now a grandmother, Toneshia was inspired to go back to school. In 11th grade, Toneshia dropped out of high school because she was pregnant. She spent her youth taking care of her children, and today she is married and has a beautiful family with four children.

She decided it was time to empower herself and lead her children and grandchildren by example. She enrolled in adult education, but the road was not easy. Toneshia has many medical problems including: lupus, multiple sclerosis, and renal failure. Even through the pain and fatigue, Toneshia pressed on. In 2021, her hard work paid off.

She was the recipient of her High School Equivalency diploma through the GED program at Holmes Community College. She states, “I had a great experience with the GED program because I had a wonderful support system (my family) and I had a wonderful instructor who pushed me and made the experience a wonderful one.”

Today, Toneshia is enrolled in a Medical Billing and Coding program. She is in her second semester and is loving the challenge of the work. Her goals now are to finish this program and remain healthy for her family. In her own words, “I am someone who has been given a second chance at life because additional doors have opened for me since receiving my GED! I am a success!” ■

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