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ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Krista Roberson | Maryland

Adult education pushed Krista to find the career of her dreams. Krista's family often moved around for her dad's career. Moving constantly and changing schools all the time was stressful, with new rules and new systems in each new jurisdiction. For this reason, her parents found a flexible curriculum they could travel with and decided to homeschool their children.

At 15 years old, Krista found her first odd job to earn some money, and by 16 she began looking into jobs with higher pay. She wanted a career, not just a dead-end job, but she realized that to begin any career she had her eye on, she needed to get a GED® credential. At this time, Maryland had changed their laws, and now only students 18 years old or older were eligible to take the exam. Even with this setback, Krista patiently waited, and when she turned 18, enrolled in free adult education classes at Allegany College of Maryland (ACM). Nine months later, she passed all sections of the GED® exam!

Today, Krista is pursuing her culinary dreams at ACM. She has already made it on the Dean's list and has won an MVP award all in her first semester. When asked about her future goals, Krista states, "I want to continue to further my education, and keep pursuing my culinary dreams, graduate with my bachelor's degree in culinary arts, and become a private chef. I want to inspire other people to get their GED® [credential] too, so that they can have a chance to go to college, and further their education and career." ■