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ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Caixia Jiang | California

Caixia Jiang is no stranger to difficulty. Adult education gave her the place she needed to navigate the challenges of learning a new language and creating a career path for herself. Originally from China, Caixia was surprised to find herself falling in love with a Japanese man. She decided to learn Japanese to get to know him, and soon they were married.

Once married, they moved to the United States, and Caixia gave birth to her daughter not long after. Caixia found herself, once again, needing to learn a new language. This time, however, the language was all around her, and she needed to be proficient to even get a job. She enrolled in her local adult education program and became inspired. She not only took English language classes, she also obtained her high school equivalency diploma and began exploring career paths available to her. She settled on pharmacy technician, and in no time received her pharmacy technician certification.

Caixia's daughter is now six years old, and she is so proud of all that her mom has accomplished. After receiving her pharmacy technician certification, Caixia went on to improve her digital skills with a Microsoft Office specialist certificate. Today Caixia is searching for a position as a pharmacy technician and hopes to support her daughter by encouraging her to dream big! ■