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## ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Kristy Trudel | Delaware

Adult education turned Kristy's resilience and determination into a successful career. Facing the challenge of having to drop out of school at a young age, Polytech Adult Education provided the programs she needed. Here she graduated from James H. Groves Adult High School with honors, and she went on to pursue higher education at Delaware Technical and Community College.

Kristy worked at Goodwill while she attended school, originally pursuing a career as a nurse. It was there she discovered her passion for working with people. Also keenly interested in technology, Kristy took a computer class at Goodwill, marking the beginning of a decade-long journey with the organization. Her dedication and hard work paid off, leading her to pursue a major in Human Services, which aligned her academic pursuits with her professional goals.

Despite her already impressive accomplishments, she continued her education at Wilmington University. Her commitment to expanding her skill set showcased her adaptability and determination to stay at the forefront of her field.

Today Kristy is the education records manager for Polytech Adult Education and holds a bachelor's degree in computer network security. She is a story of triumph over adversity. Her commitment to education, professional growth, and helping others make her a true inspiration to those facing challenges in their own educational and professional journeys. ■