

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Aaron Sherk | Nebraska



Adult education is helping Aaron finally make progress on his educational journey. After dealing with many personal problems, Aaron moved from Michigan to Nebraska to try and start over. But the transition was harder than he expected, and when the challenges of his education were too much to bear, he dropped out.

Not knowing what options were available at the time, Aaron made no progress in his education for several years. In 2022, however, he discovered the Basic Skills/GED® classes at Southeast Community College (SCC). He was finally able to start the process of getting back on track, and he wasted no time doing so. In a matter of months, he accumulated over 188 instructional hours by going to class, working online, and studying with extra materials. Because of his dedication and hard work,

Aaron made level gains in both math and reading. He passed the GED® test in March of 2023.

While the staff at SCC are proud of Aaron's work ethic, Aaron is grateful for the staff. He says he will always be grateful for his GED® instructor Vickie. She did not just teach him the necessary skills and knowledge to pass the test. As he puts it, "She showed me I could do anything I put my mind to."

Aaron's goal for the future is to work in law enforcement, helping and protecting people in any way he can. Because of the adult education programming at SCC, Aaron has taken a huge step closer to that goal. ■

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