



## ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

### Thian Cing | Iowa

Adult education gave Thian Cing, a housewife and mother, a way to reconnect with her past career aspirations. Put on hold for so long in order to raise her family, Thian's dreams of becoming a nurse seemed so far away.

When she enrolled in Hawkeye Community College, she hoped to complete her HiSet exam and begin her journey toward nursing. Immediately, Thian felt welcome and knew this was where she belonged. She worked hard to study for her exams and she felt supported by the staff around her. She states, "All the staff and instructors are really helpful, especially because they put in a lot of effort to help you succeed. One of my favorite parts is that they are really supportive, both physically and mentally."

Today, Thian has passed all five sections of her HiSet exam! She studied hard to pass the reading portion of the test, which she found particularly challenging. She has enrolled in a certified nursing assistant program (CNA) and is excited to report that she has graduated from that program this past month.

She knows that her future holds promise, and if she keeps studying and working hard, she knows she will accomplish her goals and turn her long-awaited dreams into reality. She writes, "I am so sure to say that I have a lot to achieve soon. For me, achieving this high school diploma is really important, and it is the best part of my life." We at COABE know that her success is just over the horizon! ■