

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Tracy James | Connecticut



Adult education opened up new career opportunities for Tracy to help others. Soon after moving to the United States from the U.K, Tracy enrolled in the Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) program at Capital Community College and worked as a CNA for the next ten years.

Amid the pandemic, Tracy worked both a full-time and a per diem job at two different nursing homes. The pandemic caused a lot of stress and anxiety for Tracy because of concerns she would bring the infection home to a health-compromised family member.

Tracy enrolled in the Windsor Adult Education (WAE) high school completion program in the fall of 2019 to earn her GED® credential to look for other career opportunities. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, her first semester was the only traditional, in-person semester she would get. This did not slow her down. With a computer she borrowed from the school, she continued her studies virtually, participating enthusiastically and studying tirelessly. She passed each exam and earned her State of Connecticut High School Certification in May of 2021.

As she hoped, Tracy's education opened up a new career opportunity. In fact, she is now the new administrative assistant at WAE, helping candidates begin their educational journeys to reach the same goal that she did. Her persistence toward her educational goals and her altruistic sensibilities make her an outstanding student, employee, and role model. She also intends to pursue training for Google certification, demonstrating her determination to personal growth. ■

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