



“Putting in the Work”

Samantha enrolled in the Adult Education Center’s High School Equivalency program in May 2019. A friend that was attending the classes at the time referred her to the Center. Her goal was to earn her High School Equivalency Certificate quickly. At the time, she was employed as a bartender but needed to earn more money.

On her first day during the math instruction of the program, she was very anxious. Math was the subject she struggled with the most during high school. While in class, the math problems were frustrating her. Samantha shared that she had a hard time understanding the math concepts. She received support and encouragement from her instructor, Mr. Le Blanc. Samantha recalls Mr. Le Blanc telling her that she was in the right place at the right time and that the Adult Education Center’s staff is here for her. This support calmed her and she leaned in to achieve her educational goal.

Determined and focused, Samantha improved her math skills and scores within 30 days. She attended classes regularly and sought tutoring as well. She earned one of the highest Math scores in her class due to hard work.

By the middle of June 2019, she earned her High School Equivalency Certificate in less than 60 days. She was thrilled. Samantha expressed her desire to attend college and her next step is to explore her options. The staff at the Adult Education Center is very proud of Samantha. She is a model learner and has a tremendous future ahead of her.