

Job Seek Success Story; Persistence Pays Off

Evelyn, a “mature” job seeker from West Brookfield, attended a Career Center Seminar in August 2015, and then took advantage of additional workshops throughout the fall, such as Using Age to Your Advantage, Exploring YOUR Occupational Options and Résumé Writing. Evelyn’s primary goal was to earn her high school equivalency to make herself more marketable to employers. With assistance and encouragement from her Employment Counselor, Sue DeLeon, she enrolled into the Literacy Project located in Ware, MA, where she received assistance with test preparation and earned certificates in Microsoft Word and Excel.

Evelyn has passed her HiSET exam and began a new full-time job in March at a Sturbridge doctor’s office making \$18.50 an hour performing billing and reception duties. After successfully completing the Literacy Project she now plans to further her education at Holyoke Community College. Evelyn said: “I wouldn’t have had the confidence to go back to school without Sue’s encouragement. Everything you offer at Workforce Central in Southbridge is wonderful – the workshops were awesome and Sue’s support was what helped me through it all. It took me a while to get to this point but I kept going. And what they say about being too old to learn – it’s not true!”

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