

I moved to the United States as a young student and truly started from zero. I did not speak any English and was placed in a Beginning level class that met only two days a week. I wanted to learn faster, so when I was not allowed to enroll in a higher level, I chose to stay and repeat the same class with different groups. For a full year, I reviewed the same lessons again and again until I could finally understand and speak basic English. That progress gave me hope.

At first, I almost gave up on my dreams. I had always wanted to become a nurse, but the language barrier made that dream feel impossible. As my English improved and I found support from classmates, my confidence returned. I enrolled in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, earned my certification, and began working while continuing my education.

Today, I am studying at Fresno City College, completing prerequisites and working toward a nursing degree. Balancing work and school is not easy, but I stay motivated by remembering how far I have come. I want to serve as a Student Ambassador to encourage other adult learners who are starting over. I know progress can feel slow, but with consistency and determination, dreams are still possible.