

Student Stories



"The Adult Diploma Program not only helped me get my diploma, but they also helped me prepare for and enroll in college classes."
- **Azariah Ficklin**

"When I began, I had no college credits and was the first generation in my family to pursue higher education. Transitioning to credit classes was the hardest step, but with the guidance and encouragement of my noncredit counselor, I found the confidence to begin. Every class has helped me grow personally and academically, bringing me one step closer to graduating and building a better future for my family." - **Mayra Rodriguez**



"Completing the noncredit Pharmacy Technician program at Mt. SAC provided me with hands-on experience and a solid understanding of health care, which made the transition into credit courses much smoother. This foundation not only boosted my confidence but also reinforced my passion to pursue a career as a Physician Assistant."
- **Wendi Zhang**



"My journey at Mt. SAC has been very rewarding. As a student, navigating the U.S. education system and transitioning from noncredit to credit classes was challenging. I am proud to have reached this milestone. I am especially grateful to the ESL Department for their support and encouragement, and to my counselor who helped me plan my courses and guided me every step of the way so I could pursue my academic dreams."
- **Christian Alvarado**

"The Registered Behavior Technician noncredit program at Mt. SAC was such an incredible stepping stone to help me get started in the therapy field as well as transitioning into credit courses to continue my progress, I've recommended their programs to several people already as I can genuinely see the difference it made! The program I took was free, entry level, and so supportive with great counselors & programs to aid students in attending credit classes to grow and build their education!"
- **Laura Kosha**



"Adult Basic Education gave me the opportunity to accomplish something I had only ever dreamed of. My time in prison taught me that true freedom begins with education. It gave me the knowledge, confidence and hope to change the direction of my life. Returning to school after so many years was intimidating. I had doubts about whether I could succeed in a classroom again. But the instructors and staff encouraged me every step of the way. Earning my diploma has given me confidence and self-esteem. It represents perseverance, growth, and the courage to start over when life takes an unexpected turn."
- **Mario Holguin**