



Adult Education: CHANGING LIVES

“Adult education classes have given me a voice. I’m studying psychology, and my goal is to become a counselor and help others find their voice.”

— Martha, Great Barrington, Mass.



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Adult Education in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts adult education system **helps nearly 20,000 adults** a year build skills that can help them to:



Progress along career pathways



Earn family-sustaining wages



More fully engage in their children's learning

Over 100 adult education programs across the Commonwealth work with adults to:



Improve reading, writing, and math skills



Get high school equivalency credentials



Learn English

Looking for More Information about Adult Education in Massachusetts?



Call the Adult Literacy Hotline
at **800-447-8844** or visit
www.mass.gov/edu/literacyhotline
to find adult education services,
volunteer, or support an adult
education program



Visit the Adult and Community
Learning Services website at
www.doe.mass.edu/acls



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The Impact of Adult Education



To learn more, watch the video at
www.sabes.org/success



Martha Escobar is studying psychology at Berkshire Community College (BCC). She completed English for Speakers

of Other Languages (ESOL) classes at BCC's South County Center site. After graduating, Martha plans to pursue a master's degree in counseling and hopes her teenage daughter will follow in her mother's footsteps and pursue a master's degree, too.



Gemini Walter is graduating from Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) with an associate's degree in

human services. He also works for MWCC, providing community outreach. Gemini earned his high school equivalency credential through the Fitchburg Learning Center and completed MWCC's Transition to Community College program.



Hongfang Li is a patient care technician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She completed ESOL

classes at the Asian American Civic Association and graduated from the Certified Nursing Assistant training program at Jewish Vocational Services. She is studying social work at Bunker Hill Community College and is very proud of her son who is a student at Bentley University.