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

Share your adult education success stories using the hashtag #AdultEduMA

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

“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.
The Impact of Adult Education

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.

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