

AURORA RODRIGUEZ

Central Nine Adult Education Success Story



Meet Aurora–

She began her journey in 2023 in ELL Level 3/4, then advanced through Transitions, HSE Online, and Fast Track. She also used Essential Education at home to continue improving. Her path shows strong dedication, growth, and an amazing academic journey.

“It was a very pleasant experience. All the teachers are highly qualified, very kind, and patient with those of us who are learning a second language.”

Motivation to Pursue HSE

First, taking the classes allowed me to learn and improve my English. In Mexico, during my academic preparation, I always studied English, but the English you learn abroad is very basic and mainly useful for tourism purposes. When I came to the United States to establish myself permanently, I realized that this level of English was not enough. I needed to learn much more and improve the knowledge I already had, because I needed more than just being able to ask for directions or order food at a restaurant. I needed to learn things that would help me integrate into the community, and Central Nine helped me achieve that.

Secondly, even though I already had a university degree from abroad, most employers require an educational document that is recognized and issued in the United States. That was another reason why I needed to obtain my HSE, because if I wanted to apply for more specialized jobs rather than only manual labor, I needed to demonstrate my academic background. Having my HSE serves as an important credential and introduction for that purpose.

Challenges Overcome

Before attending Central Nine, I was very shy about speaking English. I tried to speak as little as possible, and if I had questions, I sometimes did not express them for fear that my sentence structure might be incorrect. I was also very afraid of answering phone calls in English because I worried I would not understand correctly. When speaking with others, I would only give short answers. This is something I am still working on, as there are always new words and things to learn. Central Nine helped me significantly improve my English.

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Impact of Completing HSE

Earning my HSE helped me gain confidence in my academic abilities and improved my opportunities for employment in the United States. It also strengthened my English skills and gave me a better foundation to continue integrating into the community and pursuing more professional career paths.

Current Life and Future Goals

I am currently working as an HR Manager for a company, which takes up most of my time. In addition to that, I am dedicated to raising my daughter, and have not yet pursued further studies. My future goals are to continue improving my English, keep building my professional career, and eventually move into more specialized roles where I can fully use my academic background and experience. I also hope to continue learning and growing so I can open more opportunities for myself in the future.

Advice to Other Students

My advice would be to not be afraid of making mistakes. Learning a new language and adapting to a new system takes time, but every effort counts. It is very important to take advantage of the support teachers offer and to practice as much as possible, even when it feels uncomfortable. Consistency and patience make a big difference.