

SAUMYA THAKUR

Central Nine Adult Education Success Story



Meet Saumya

When Saumya came to Central Nine Adult Education, she was learning English and beginning to consider entering the workforce. Originally from India, she had earned a bachelor's degree and started a master's degree but had little work experience. As her English improved and her confidence grew, the mother of two decided it was time to explore new career opportunities.

Finding a Career Direction

Saumya reached out to the C9 Career Coach because she did not know where to start. She had many interests, including banking, computers, and healthcare. Through conversations, a review of her education, and her Indiana Career Explorer assessments, her strengths began to emerge. Her results showed interests in Government & Public Administration, Information Technology, and Manufacturing, along with strengths in Managing, Serving & Caring, and Inspecting. One career stood out as a particularly good match: quality assurance in manufacturing.

Staying Persistent

Finding that first opportunity was not easy. Saumya created a resume and applied for job after job. She attended a WorkOne career fair, practiced completing applications and answering interview questions, and continued improving her English. Along the way, she faced scams, transportation challenges, employers who wanted experience, and many rejections. But she kept going.

Recognizing Her Skills

When Saumya provided an English evaluation of her college credentials, we were able to strengthen her resume by highlighting her extensive computer-related coursework. Over time, her determination, professionalism, attention to detail, and growing confidence became increasingly evident.

The Opportunity She Needed

That opportunity finally came when Saumya was hired in quality assurance for a manufacturing company—the same career direction that had emerged during her career exploration. The position also allows her to use her computer skills, connecting her previous education with her new career. And her success did not stop there. Saumya has already earned a promotion because of the quality of her work.

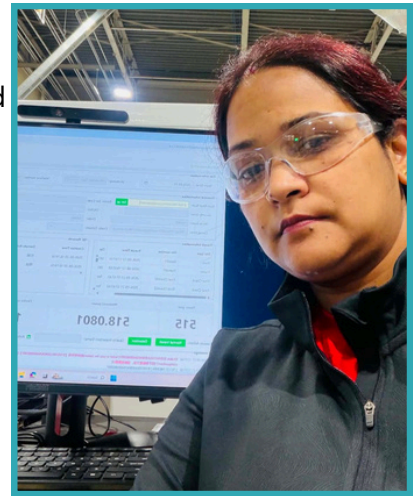
Her Next Chapter

Saumya is proud of how far she has come, but she is already thinking about what comes next. Her five-year goal is to continue growing in the quality field and eventually become a Quality Control Manager. She is also interested in expanding her skills by earning a Medical Assistant. She credits much of her growth and confidence to the support she received at C9. When she was unsure which career direction to take, the Career Coach helped her recognize how her education, strengths, and computer skills could transfer into quality assurance—a field she had not previously considered.

Advice to Others

Today, Saumya says she feels much more confident about her career possibilities. Her advice to other adult students is to attend class regularly, keep learning, and ask for help when you are unsure about your next step.

"Whatever I am today is because of the support I received at C9. If students are confused about their career or what to do next, I would tell them to talk with the C9. There are people here who will help you find your way."-Saumya



"Central Nine Adult Ed helped me discover my strengths and become confident in my future."