

## Student Success Story

**Ana Maria Bustamante**  
**Fresno Adult School**



Ana Maria needed to obtain her GED in order to change careers, but thought she would be unable to afford the prep courses and GED test.

After researching options, she found that Fresno Adult School offered GED prep courses free of charge, and her daughter-in-law paid for the GED test. She no longer had any excuse not to pursue a career change!

Ana Maria obtained her GED within seven weeks of starting the program. Soon after, she enrolled in Fresno Adult School's Professional Office Assistant Program. After completing the course, she was hired as a classified sub for Fresno Unified. While working as a sub, she received Microsoft certification in Word, Power Point, and Excel. In addition, she received NCLB and BIA certificates. Within four months, she was hired part-time at the Fresno Unified switchboard, continuing to sub regularly at Fresno Adult School, and eventually was hired as a full-time Assistant Registrar.

Ana Maria currently works as an Office Manager IV at Fresno Adult School, the same school where she began her journey six years earlier.