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“Before coming to the upgrading program, I was working but unfortunately got laid off. It was hard to find a good job without a high school diploma – and I realized that I needed to do something to open more opportunities for myself.

I wanted to complete my A-Z licence and take a heavy equipment course in the future, and I also needed to complete my grade 12 equivalency. The employment center recommended the Academic Upgrading program to help me get back on track.

Before joining the program, I had a hard time concentrating at home. Studying on my own just wasn’t working. However, after starting the upgrading classes, I felt more focused and motivated.

I took the steps toward changing my outcome by seeking support and dedicating more time to learning. Communication played a big part in my growth because I became more open to talk with others in the classroom to share and to learn from each others’ experiences. This helped me grow and understand things better.

There were challenges along the way, especially with math, but I didn’t give up. Even when I ran into obstacles, I remained focused and did not let them stand in the way of my success. I practiced a lot and asked for help when I needed it.

This upgrading experience has not only helped me academically but also gave me the confidence and tools I need for my future.

I’m pleased to say I’ve recently completed the academic upgrading program, attained my Canadian Adult Education Credential, and completed my Heavy Equipment Operator and AZ training. I feel much more confident and accomplished, I’m proud of the progress I’ve made, and I have more job opportunities for the future.” —*Nick*



Nick, Fanshawe College Upgrading

