Dyslexia Won't Get in My Way

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BEFORE YOU READ: Share what you know about dyslexia. Has it gotten in your way? Or in the way of someone you know? What did you do about it?

I chose my career pathway based on something I truly love to do and something I would be happy to do for the rest of my life: working with children. My career path involves getting my high school equivalency so that I can go to college. My goal is to get a Bachelor's degree with a major in Early

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Childhood Education. I would also like to complete a minor in Business Management so that I will have the skills and knowledge to open my own business one day.

I've always loved being around children and working with them would be an honor. For years, I watched my own family and struggle to maintain jobs while seeking and maintaining child care for

their children. I made it my business to help out whenever I could. Not only do I enjoy children, I also enjoy knowing that I am helping a friend or

family member in need. Taking care of children is what I truly love to do and everyone around me would agree that I do it well.

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For years, I have struggled academically due to a learning disability called dyslexia. I have suffered greatly because of the many setbacks this disability has caused. But I have stayed with my education. I believe in myself now more than ever, thanks to this education program which supports me and guides me on my journey to success.

I am very satisfied with the career pathway I have chosen because it will allow me to do what I love most. Even though the road may be chal-

lenging, I am ready to pursue it because I know the results will be fulfilling. There is a saying, "To teach a child is to touch the future." I believe that this is true. And this is what makes my career more rewarding than any compensation in the world.

AFTER YOU READ: Conduct research on going to school with dyslexia. What supports, if any, can you expect from your adult education program or your college?

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