My Winding Career Path

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My career goal is to study Early Childhood Education and to work in childcare. I want to be a preschool teacher. So, after graduating from high school, I went to Great Bay Community College (GBCC) to study Early Childhood Education.

When I started school at GBCC, I struggled with math. I felt unprepared and frustrated. My math teacher explained to me that the Dover Adult learning Center could help me improve my reading, math, and writing skills, so that I wouldn’t waste money on tuition if I wasn’t ready for college.

I took a year off college to improve my academic skills. My teacher is helping me to achieve my goals and gain more confidence. I took a college class in Early Childhood Development last summer. It was both hard and fun, and I passed it!

To get started in my field, I decided to look for a job working with young children. I found a daycare called Little Blessings. I have been there for almost a year (working as an Assistant Teacher). I really enjoy working there because I can see all the children grow. I like to play with them and watch them laugh.

The pathway to my goal is to finish up at the Dover Adult Learning Center and then go back to college and to take more classes in my field. Finally, I will get my degree, and I will be successful.

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Almost everyone has a winding career path. Interview people in your class or in your community, and find out how they got into their current job or career. Share a time in your life when you had to go “backwards” or “sideways” in order to keep going down your chosen path.