

Isabel Ortiz

MVLA Adult School

Student of the Month for Spring 2023

“I would not be where I am if not for the help and care I received from the adult school.”



As a very young immigrant to the United States, Isabel Ortiz did not get the opportunity to attend grade school but she was hard-working, motivated and eager to learn by all means possible. Her first job was at a mail order fabric factory, but Isabel realized she needed to improve her English skills to advance her chances with the company. So, she enrolled in MVLA Adult School to study ESL and found a supportive team ready to help her not only with English but also with her career needs.

After exiting the ESL program, Isabel enrolled in the Office Applications class at

MVLA and completed it with success. This allowed her to gain a promotion at her place of employment as a data entry specialist.



All along, Isabel has been ready to advance her education. She studied hard and was successful in earning her GED certificate with an eye towards advancing her prospects in the healthcare field. Obtaining the GED qualified Isabel to enroll into MVLA Adult School's Medical Assistant (MA) program and the Eye Care Technician Program in the fall of 2022. Isabel is the first student ever to successfully complete both classes simultaneously. This is a testament to her amazing drive and work ethic. As she currently completes her MA externship hours, Isabel continues to advance her skills by concurrently attending a Phlebotomy class that will give her an edge for employment. She appreciates the support of the adult school's transition

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