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Graduate Success Story

“You’re Never Too Old to Learn”

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On January 30, 2005, I started the Pima Medical Institute (PMI) CORE class. I was 53 years old and an honorably retired Chief Petty Officer from the U.S. Navy. I had spent more than 20 years as an Aviation Support Equipment Technician, but had always had an interest in the medical field. From my very first day at PMI, I knew it was going to be difficult. I was the oldest student in the class, even older than my instructor. I made it through the CORE class and then moved on to the Pharmacy Technician program. It was hard at first, but I spent a lot of time studying, my wife was a great support, and I ended up graduating with academic honors. I am currently working as a Pharmacy Technician at a CVS Pharmacy. I want to thank all the PMI staff members for their help, especially my two instructors, Mr. G. and Mr. Walsh. I salute all of you for a job well done! Remember, you’re never too old to learn!

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