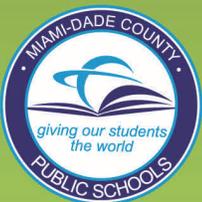


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## Anabel Mendez, Achieving her Dreams

Ms. Anabel Mendez was born and raised in Cuba. She always knew she wanted to work in the medical field so she began her medical studies in her native country, but only completed one year. On December 13, 2014, Ms. Mendez came to the United States of America. At that time she was only 18 years old and felt that she needed to better herself. Soon after Ms. Mendez arrived in Miami, Florida. She heard about Hialeah Adult Education Center and decided to inquire about the programs offered. She met with the staff in the registration office and learned about the SAVES program and the benefits she could receive if she qualified for the program. The staff from the SAVES office provided her with detailed information about the program and informed her of the documents required to qualify for the program. After going through the whole registration process, Ms. Mendez was ready to commence her journey in the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program. Because she qualified for the SAVES program, Ms. Mendez had her tuition paid in full and received the materials required for the nine-month program. Ms. Mendez always demonstrated great interest and initiative in all of her courses. Her greatest accomplishment has been passing the State License exam and she feels that all her hard work and sacrifices have paid off. She is now ready to attain her new goal of becoming a Registered Nurse in the state of Florida.

Ms. Mendez would like to thank the SAVES program and the staff at Hialeah Adult Education Center for all the support they provided her. She is extremely grateful for the opportunities afforded to her by the SAVES program. Without the SAVES personnel guiding her along the way, she would not have been able to see her dream of working in the health field come true. We wish Ms. Mendez the very best as she continues to pursue her dreams.

