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Mayra Ramos

Mayra Ramos was born in Cuba on September 18, 1964. She worked as a Pharmacist for 22 years in Cuba. She came to the United States in 2009, knowing that it would be a challenge, but she was willing to do whatever was needed to succeed in this country.

On June 29, 2009, Mayra contacted Hialeah Adult Education Center requesting information regarding the Skills for Academic Vocational and English Studies (S.A.V.E.S) program. Soon after, she began the process to be admitted into the S.A.V.E.S program; she took the CASAS test and registered for ESOL classes four times a week.

About a year and half after commencing her ESOL classes, Ms. Ramos found a job at a department store where she was able to practice her English and acquire customer service skills. She felt extremely successful because she gained self-confidence to pursue her goals.

Ms. Ramos decided to continue her professional growth by registering in the Pharmacy Technician program. She is currently completing her last trimester and has passed the State Pharmacy Technician Certification exam. Her goal is to continue taking English classes to improve her language skills.

Ms. Ramos is very thankful to the Hialeah Adult Education Center and the S.A.V.E.S program for the quality of education they provide, which inspires students to accomplish their dreams and become self-sufficient in the United States. She says that if it had not been for the SAVES program, she could have never accomplished this goal. Ms. Ramos can now gain employment in any state and provide a stable home for her family.



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