

# SAVES Program



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## Becoming the heart of healthcare with the SAVES

Angel Magdiel Arcia Ductoc, a Cuban immigrant born in 2005, began his educational journey in Cuba before moving to the United States with his family in 2022. Upon their arrival, Angel and his mother were granted parole. With a strong determination to advance his education and improve his life, Angel enrolled in the GED Program at Miami Coral Park Adult and Community Educational Center in August 2022, at the age of 17. Before starting his courses, he utilized the SAVES refugee program, which provided him access to classes and course materials at no cost. Angel maintained perfect attendance and successfully graduated in 2023, with the SAVES program covering the expenses for his GED exams.

After earning his GED, Angel decided to continue his education by enrolling in a vocational course in September 2023. With the SAVES program offering three paid trimesters for vocational courses, he chose to pursue Phlebotomy and met the attendance and academic

requirements, completing the course in December 2023. He also participated in two levels of English as a second language studies. Angel secured employment at Baptist Hospital in Miami and expressed deep gratitude and happiness for achieving these milestones through the program. His goal to build a successful career in the healthcare field motivated him to pursue further studies, currently he is register in EKG while also improving his English proficiency at Southwest Miami Adult Education Center.

