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My story at CCV began in the fall of 1991. I was young leaving High School early, and persuade my GED. I started college when I was seventeen. I wanted to learn but wasn't ready to learn, There was a few obstacles along the way.

My first few semesters were rocky. Passing most classes but withdrawing from some and others not really trying. Then in March of 1993 my father passed away I was 18. I had the wind taken out of my sales. I lost my father, my hero and my best friend. So I stopped taking classes.

The next year I signed up for classes again, this time I wasn't able to finish again. This time for a different reason not a death but a birth. I was young and expecting a child. I really tried to pursue my education by was trying to work full time and go to school. I at the time made a choice working to make money for myself and my child that now relied on me or finishing school. I made the choice to work.

Over the course of many years that child is now a sophomore at Johnston state college and I have two more in elementary school. Life is going in the right direction for quite a few years now. I decided to go back to school. I do have a busy schedule with work and family, but I have a support group with my husband and children.

I am taking two classes this semester in 2014 and have received my Readiness Certificate. I am over half way there. With my will and desire I will have my degree in the near future. I have had some rough patches along the way but it has helped push me now to strive for my goals.