

“If I didn’t do the upgrading, I wouldn’t be here.”

“Upgrading opened the doors for me. Wide open. First of all, it gave me confidence because, throughout high school, I really sucked at math,” he says with a chuckle. “The teacher was able to lay it out so I understood it and I had no more issues.”

Marco thrived in his math upgrading class and went on to graduate with honours from the Power Engineering program. He is now TSSA (Technical Standards and Safety Authority) certified as a Power Engineer.

“Without the help of academic upgrading staff and instructors, I would not be where I am today. They not only offered me a hand up, which allowed me to go to college, but also provided me with the positive support I needed to succeed.”□

Marco didn’t just become fully invested in his new career; he got involved at school, too. In his first year of the two-year program, he became an Ambassador of the program and a mentor to many. In his final year, he became a part-time Academic Technologist within the Power Engineering Technology program and, after graduating, was offered a position as a part-time instructor in the program.

Looking back, he knows taking math through Academic and Career Preparation was the best thing he could have done for himself and his family.



“There’s no limit to where you
can go once you do it.

Seriously, I’m a teacher now!”