

Changing gears: how upgrading lead to a new career

Patty entered upgrading at Georgian College's Orillia campus, determined to become a Veterinary Technician.

She had completed her Grade 12 English; but was missing the Math and Science admission requirements.

Once enrolled in the Academic and Career Prep program, while completing Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) credits in Core and Technical Math, Biology and Chemistry, Patty received a conditional acceptance offer for the Vet. Tech. program.

Along the way, Patty learned more about the Pharmacy Technician program, did a bit of research into what that career path might look like, and decided to change gears. The prerequisites were the same as for Vet. Tech., making for a seamless transition.

Patty ultimately landed a job as a Pharmacy Technician at Shoppers Drug Mart in Orillia, following her passage through upgrading and then earning her Pharmacy Technician diploma.

Advice she would share with others? "It's never too late." That advice, when she received it, led her down a path she never thought she would take. A path, she says, 'changed her life.'

