



**KILMA  
ROWER FONTES**

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Age:

40

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City of Residence:

Lynn, MA

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**Institution and  
Program of Study:**

North Shore  
Community College,  
*Human Resource /  
Department of Disabilities*



## **What are your plans for your future?**

My plans for the future are to continue with credit classes so I can reach my goals for a good career and better future for me and my family. I want a career in human resources and services. Non-credit gave me a start to pursue a degree. I am on my way to landing a good job.

## **Why did you enroll in a non-credit program?**

When I enrolled in a non-credit program, I wasn't sure what to expect and if it was a good choice for me to start college, especially because of my age. One day, after driving past North Shore Community College, I knew I needed to stop by and at least get information. As soon as I walked in the door, they greeted me and provided me with the necessary information. English is not my first language, so it took time for me to understand the different processes to enroll, but the admission advisors were patient with me and caring.

## **What prompted you to transition to a credit program?**

After completing the classes with good grades, and meeting the course requirements, the coordinator of the program thought it was good for me to transition into credit classes. Plus, I knew it would benefit me to continue my studies if I'm interested in a new career. The staff and my advisor made it easy for me to transition. They provided the resources on day one of my non-credit program. Next semester, I am taking three courses and I look forward to working towards my degree.

## **What recommendations do you have to faculty and staff who are working to improve the student experience across non-credit and credit?**

My experience since I started classes at North Shore Community College has been amazing. If anyone wants to start classes at North Shore, don't be scared to go in, get information and get started. I'm 40 going back to college. I have the chance and the opportunity to do better, now I want to do better. I want a better future for me and my kids. I don't want to stop studying, I want to continue. And especially if I continue to have the supports and staff to show me the path that I should be on, I will definitely continue and hopefully I will get a degree.