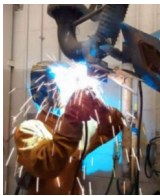


# Success Stories

**Read what our graduates think about their VMCCA experience!**

## Nick

**Program Area:**  
Welding  
**Graduation Year:**  
2016



**How did VMCCA prepare me:**

VMCCA really helped me learn job skills such as job interviews and building a resume, which is extremely important because those skills will be used at some of the most important times of your life. In my welding class, I learned the skills needed to become a successful welder but also the skills needed to persevere and keep trying even if things don't go right for you the first time.

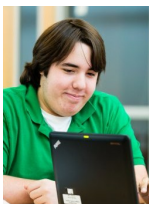
**Advice for someone thinking about applying:**

If you choose to go to VMCCA, then pay attention to everything they teach you, because that school is there to help you become a better person and teach you skills that will last forever, and you get what you put in so give it your best and you will be successful at whatever you do.

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## Augusto

**Program Area:**  
Simulation & Game  
Development  
**Graduation Year:**  
2016



**What I'm doing now:**

I am currently at William Peace University studying Simulation and Game Design. Also, the credits I got from Wake Tech now give me room to decide a minor or a second major. I am currently deciding between Psychology and Theater.

**How did VMCCA prepare me:**

Many of the skills I learned at VMCCA are putting me ahead in my classes. For example, while using the studying skills I learned from READY, I got a 103 on a chemistry test and a 101 on a psychology test.

**Advice for someone thinking about applying:**

For the people who are deciding if they should apply to VMCCA, I say that my experience at VMCCA put me ahead of my peers and into the spotlight!

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## Essence

**Program Area:**  
Cosmetology  
**Graduation Year:**  
2016



**What I'm doing now:** I am at Wake Tech studying Cosmetology. I plan to open my own salon and have my own hair products.

**How did VMCCA prepare me:** VMCCA prepared me a lot for college because I'm basically doing the same thing I was doing while at VMCCA but its in a bigger establishment with more people.

**Advice for someone thinking about applying:** Make sure you go into the program you actually want to pursue. Study hard and make sure you do your work on time.

# MaKenna

**Program Area:**

Nurse Aide

**Graduation Year:**

2016



## **What I'm doing now:**

I am attending East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. I am taking 17 credit hours this semester. I am currently trying to become part of the Nursing program at ECU, but this requires great grades and two years of prerequisites!

## **How did VMCCA prepare me:**

VMCCA allowed me to experience college classes and see if Nursing was really what I wanted to study. I was able to explore what I wanted to do in depth and make decisions about my future college and career plans. Also because VMCCA is Project-Based, I was better prepared to go to college. The projects we worked on and their relevance to the real-world is true in college as well.

## **Advice for someone thinking about applying:**

I would say that perseverance and time management are most important. When going into the nursing field you're taking care of other people in addition to yourself. This can be hard, so being able to keep your head up and your school work done is important. Also, going to a school like this does not mean that nursing is the final destination, Nurse Aide courses can help you decide if the healthcare field is for you, and if so, where the next step is. Life changes a lot so be flexible and stay positive.

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# Bryan

**Program Area:**

Multi-Trades Technology

**Graduation Year:**

2016



## **What I'm doing now:**

I gained full-time employment after my high school internship at Tech Electric.

## **How did VMCCA prepare me:**

At VMCCA I was able to gain skills working with new people during Project-Based Learning. You might have to adjust how you speak with someone who is different than you, so that you can work with others. You have to accept that you might not always get your way.

## **Advice for someone thinking about applying:**

My advice is to be prepared to learn, to learn differently than you may have in the past, and to learn with others.

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# Daniel

**Program Area:**

Collision Repair

**Graduation Year:**

2016



## **What I'm doing now:**

I am a paint prepper at Caliber Collision, which is a job that I got with the help of VMCCA. I interned with Caliber during my senior year of high school. Also, I am currently enrolled at Wake Tech Community College.

## **How did VMCCA prepare me:**

VMCCA helped me learn the basics of collision repair and gave me a solid background in vehicles. I learned about tools and how to repair the basic structure of vehicles.

## **Advice for someone thinking about applying:**

My advice to students coming to VMCCA is to always be on task, pay attention in class, and to not procrastinate on assignments and projects.