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I was so nervous to attend university but KPU helped to break me out of my shy shell. The Access Programs for People with Disabilities Program (APPD) opened up a whole new world for me and I couldn't be happier. I was not sure what I wanted to do for a job and they gave me support and skills to find a career in childcare. During my time in Work Exploration and Job Preparation, my self-confidence grew; I made many life-long friends and became an active member of my community. It's like my life opened up!

The work experiences gave me the opportunity to try different types of work and I soon realized working with children was the right choice for me. I took Vocational Skills Training-Childcare Option and the Family Childcare Program. All of my instructors while at KPU were supportive and patient as I worked through my programs. Since graduating, I have a part time job in a daycare and Chairperson of the Surrey APPD Alumni Group. I was honoured to have received the Lieutenant Governor's Medal at my convocation ceremony Spring 2015.

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