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I am a nontraditional student, returning to college after a 16-year break. I graduated from Minden High School in 1997 and attempted an accounting degree from Louisiana College. Good grades in high school came easily to me; I never had to put forth much effort to succeed. College, however, hit me hard. I lacked the self-discipline necessary to maintain the level of achievement that was expected of me after high school. I wound up resigning at the beginning of my fourth year.

Since then I have acquired a great deal of life experience, learning the discipline I lacked fresh out of high school. The majority of my working life, until now, has been as a truck driver. Long trips alone across the country gave me plenty of time to educate myself by listening to podcasts, and I discovered that I had a passion for science. When circumstances became favorable for me to return to school, with my husband's financial and

emotional support, I searched long and hard for a school and a major that captured my interest. I settled on Tech for the reputation of the school and its educators, and then combed through the science programs offered by the school.

When I realized what medical technology entailed, I knew I had found my calling. I had found a science program that would prepare me for a career that was in high demand, that didn't require years of graduate education, and that appealed to many aspects of my personality. I'm a logical person who likes solving puzzles, and I am interested in healthcare but not necessarily in direct patient care. This program is training me to work behind the scenes in a hospital laboratory, testing patient samples and providing healthcare professionals with lab results so they can provide diagnosis and treatment to their patients. The career requires precision, accuracy, critical thinking, attention to detail, and an ability to follow instructions, all of which appeal to me.

When I am not at school, studying, working in the lab, or commuting back and forth between Ruston and Shreveport, I'm usually immersed in one of my many hobbies; these include cosplay, writing, gaming, crafting, baking, and playing cello.