

## Marc Pomerleau, California

While working at Torrance Memorial Hospital as a patient transporter, Marc Pomerleau often passed by the pharmacy department and pictured himself working there. Marc started to research which schools nearby had pharmacy programs that would be convenient to attend after work. He discovered the Levy Educational Center of Torrance Adult School, which offers adult education courses, including adult literacy, ESL, HSE, and career pathways training. The school was located less than a half mile away and offered a Pharmacy Technician Program.

Marc enrolled in the Torrance Adult School Pharmacy Technician Program, taught by Leticia Wang. This program is a twelve-week long, fast-paced course, which also requires 120 additional hours of externship at a local pharmacy. After finishing the course and the externship hours, students receive a certificate from the school and are qualified to take the licensing exam required by the California State Board of Pharmacy. While enrolled in the course, Marc devoted his time and effort and received a perfect score on all his tests and coursework. Upon completion of the course, Marc was sent to a local Walgreens Pharmacy to complete his externship.

During his externship at Walgreens, Marc was so highly regarded that they recommended him to be hired. However, Marc wanted to work in a hospital instead of a retail pharmacy so that he could work in either the inpatient pharmacy or outpatient pharmacy. Marc applied for a position at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center. Meanwhile, he passed the Los Angeles County licensing exam with a perfect score! The supervisors at the Medical Center were so impressed by his perfect score and his externship recommendation that he was hired in the inpatient pharmacy. Marc made his dream a reality through hard work and education.