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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Marie Claude Somathe and I started the IBEST CNA program at New London Adult Education a couple months ago. My primary language is Haitian Creole and when I first started taking classes at New London Adult Education in 2011, I spoke very little to no English. This program has helped me improve in speaking, writing and reading English that I thought was impossible for me at the beginning. I have met so many amazing people while being part of this program. The teachers are very knowledgeable in what they are teaching. I was always shy about trying to speak English because I thought I would be laughed at, but they made me feel very comfortable. At this time I can say that even though my English is not perfect, it has improved. I couldn't have done it without the Adult education program. The IBEST program has helped me prepare for the CNA certification, which I am proud to say that I am close to achieving. It's not always an easy thing when you move from your native country and have to start all over in a foreign place in order to improve the way of living, but this program has made it much easier for me to improve my life, and my daughter's. I would recommend this program to anyone who is looking to better themselves. It is a great opportunity.

Sincerely,

Marie Claude Somathe