



Student Spotlight: Nancy Greminger



Nancy Greminger loves to solve a good mystery and finds accounting fascinating. But what besides that elusive checkbook balance is mysterious about accounting?

Greminger was able to put two and two together when her accounting class at Tri-C was visited by a representative from Franklin University, which partners with Tri-C on a 3+1 degree program. It was during his presentation about the many career opportunities in accounting that she learned about forensic accounting.

“I love the detective work involved,” said Greminger. “It really piqued my interest because a forensic accountant is called in to help solve crimes that involve corruption, securities or insurance fraud, kickbacks or employee theft. As a forensic accountant, I will get to work with law enforcement and also assist in legal proceedings and appear as a witness in court.”

Greminger will graduate from Tri-C this May with an Associate of Applied Business degree in accounting. She will then take a year off school and get an entry-level job in accounting before she pursues her bachelor’s degree in forensic accounting.

She first attended Tri-C in the mid-1980s right after high school with the intention of getting an accounting degree. But her college career was derailed when she left to help her mother care for her ailing stepfather. Greminger worked nights at McDonald’s so she could care for him during the day while her mother worked. Soon after this, Greminger married and started a family.

“I wanted to continue my education and become an accountant,” said Greminger. “I dabbled in college for over a decade while raising my four children. I was really determined, but in the end, I just couldn’t put in the time it required.”

She has always had a talent for accounting and, indeed, it’s in her blood. Her mom was a bookkeeper and her dad is a CPA.

“My high school teacher said I was a natural,” said Greminger, who elected to take accounting in high school. “None of my friends could understand that. They were mystified as to why I would voluntarily take accounting.”

Finally, in 2010, with her children nearly grown, Greminger was able to enroll once again at Tri-C, and this time, she will get her degree.

Greminger is a student ambassador at Tri-C’s Eastern Campus and for the last three semesters has taken her classes online, which gives her the flexibility to work her other job as a cashier at Giant Eagle.

“Online and in the classroom, I’ve had many great professors, but Professor Roman, my accounting teacher, really stands out,” said Greminger. “He taught me so much. And every time I see him in the halls on campus, he always stops to say hi and ask me how my other classes are going. When things get rough, he always has encouraging words and support for his students.”