

Where I am From and Where I am Going by Valentyna Makurina

I was born in Ukraine, but when I was forty -seven years old I moved in United States. Ukraine is my homeland. I was born in Ukraine, grew up and studied there. I love its beautiful landscapes, forests, and rivers. After graduating I got a job in a bank, I worked as a counting cashier. It was a responsible job, and it was a valuable experience. We had a friendly team, and I liked my job. Around the same time, I met my loved one, got married and had a daughter. I was happy in my country. A little later, because we wanted to be with our family together, my husband, daughter and I decided to move to the United States. This decision was not easy for us, because we understood that we would have to start all over again and study and look for a new job. But the support of our parents, brothers and sisters helped us decide to move. And so, we are in America with a different language, culture, and lifestyle. We started from scratch. Here is my first job, I started working in the hospital in the kitchen. Here I first learned what part time is and for me it was a new experience. To communicate well with people, I need a good knowledge of the English language, and therefore I went to Tri-c to learn it. Next, I am going to take courses in office management and have a job I love. I know that my arduous work, will to live, passion to do what I love will allow me to achieve my goals. This is a good motivation for a good future. I hope America will become my second home.