

Elizabeth

Go Back to School to Qualify for New Profession

Elizabeth is a good example of someone who went back to school to achieve a life goal. She had a master's degree in chemistry and worked as a senior manager in a lab in applied chemistry at a university helping students with their experimental analysis.

Due to some structural changes in the department in which she worked, her position was being phased out. Since she was in her 50's she was offered an early retirement pension. But as you might have guessed she was not ready for retirement. She had more to do!

As a chemist and someone with an inquiring mind she was interested in studying in a variety of areas that included nutrition and the analysis of body tissues. Learning in depth was important to her. She decided to take her Ph. D in Medical Science with a focus on nutrition.

She went back to school, actually on scholarship and at age 62 achieved her doctorate. She obtained a position in a hospital lab where she conducted experiments that fulfilled her need to continue to study and learn while also contributing to science.

Elizabeth continued to work at the lab and contribute to a variety of experiments important to the medical community into her late 70's.

While she is now enjoying the freedom from having a job she intends to continue to contribute through writing scientific papers.

Elizabeth looks back over these years and is happy that she persevered to achieve her doctorate, deepen her understanding of science and contribute to the learning of others around her.