

SUCCESS STORIES

2016–2017

SHAHINUR ISLAM

Shahinur, a married mother of two, who moved to Toronto from Bangladesh over four years ago, She participated in the Food Handler Certification training program, organized by Unisphere Canada in partnership with Toronto Public Health. Her friend told her about the program and she was interested in learning about food handling opportunities. "I'm passionate about cooking", says Shahinur. "I hope to open up a restaurant or a coffee shop with additional training, skills development and education that can be obtained through working with UC." Shahinur is working part-time as an Early Childhood Assistant and her future goal is to work in an administrative role on a full-time basis at a school or the YMCA.



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SYEDA FERDOWSSY

Syeda, a mother of one daughter has been living in Toronto for more than eight years, and has held various part-time jobs since moving to Canada from Bangladesh. She participated in the Food Handler Certification program, "I learned a lot" says Syeda. "The facilitator was amazing and she was very clear on explaining the steps." Syeda's interest in the program was sparked by a desire to search for additional job opportunities. In the future, she would like to start a small business. Syeda works on a part-time basis as an Early Childhood Educator. She recently started a second part-time job as an Early Childhood Assistant. She aspires to be an Early Childhood Educator with the City of Toronto, on a full-time basis.

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