

With the help of technology and family support, Samantha Mulder is finishing her degree at Montcalm Community College.

Mulder is taking advantage of MCC's online and live online course offerings to complete an associate degree in Early Childhood Education without leaving the comforts of her home in Cadillac.

The stay-at-home mom, who also opened an in-home daycare in 2019, said she probably would not be able to attend college at this time if it wasn't for MCC's online offerings.

"Living in Cadillac, I have not stepped foot on campus – even though that would be fun to do some time," Mulder said. "I have been able to submit all coursework and documentation online and communication through email is quick and easy.

"I struggle with ADHD. I have found this style of individual learning gives me the opportunity to work the way I need to learn and at a pace that works for me," she added.

"I have three boys. Having the option for both 100 percent online and hybrid courses gives me the best of both worlds," she said. "I can be here for my family and still work on earning my degree. There have already been many times where things have happened where if I was on campus, I would have been late or absent. Because of my online learning, I am never late for class!"

After graduating from Montabella High School in 2004, Mulder "took some time off to figure out life," error class!" online and h(o

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