

Kim`s Story

I was the epitome of a dropout. I left mainstream education prematurely without any qualification. I got stuck in four HAVO, had outgrown my fellow students and was sick of school. All this also led to problems at home.

I then thought vocational training was the thing for me, but my mentor advised against it. He said it would be a shame, since I had practically finished my secondary school. There was only one year remaining for me to get through to the final examination! He advised me to enroll in the evening school.

That`s why I did just that, I enrolled. I first got an interview and had to go through a number of admission tests. And yes, I was admitted.

In the beginning I had to get used to it. At the evening school you get classes on every subject of only one and a half hours per week. You have to do a lot at home, and you need to plan things well. What I really like about the VAVO is that you are treated like an adult here: the teachers take you serious. After two years I had my HAVO certificate.

Now I am studying Higher Legal Education (HJO) at the University of Amsterdam. The fact that I have learned to plan well and work independently come in very handy at my current training.

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