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Mark Devereux is an adult learning instructor at Metroworks in Halifax. He was inspired to take the Practitioner Training Program (PT) because he wanted to expand his knowledge of adult education and teaching resources.

“Literacy Nova Scotia offers many opportunities for professional development and funding which are beneficial to practitioners in a variety of settings. The PT program is an opportunity to learn from others, share experiences, and make connections with other practitioners throughout Nova Scotia.”

Mark says the PT program has reinforced and strengthened his ability to help learners in a variety of areas that impact their education and learning. “I was able to look at my own practices and reflect on areas that I could improve on by using the skills and knowledge

gained from this training program. PT has changed my approach to teaching by giving me resources that I can use with my adult learners on a daily basis. It allowed me to learn tools that help with assessment, planning, instructing, and student interaction.”

Mark feels that the reward of being an adult literacy practitioner is that you are able to connect with your learners on a personal level, guide them along their path towards their goals, and watch how their successes can change their lives. “Challenges that adult literacy practitioners face include using adult learning principles in their practice, learning how to teach a variety of learners from different backgrounds and cultures, and helping adult learners change their perspective on education and how it can help them in their lives.”

“I would absolutely recommend the Practitioner Training Program to other practitioners,” says Mark. “It is a great way to increase your knowledge, abilities, and confidence in helping others. This program is flexible, relevant, and customized to a variety of goals and needs of practitioners. The online program format allowed me to learn new teaching strategies and practice them immediately in my workplace. The schedules are convenient, and the instructor is always available and willing to help.”