



Having the Courage to Take a Fresh Start Martin Ferguson

In 2004, after being laid off from a manufacturing plant, Martin Ferguson decided he didn't want to find "just another job." Instead, he wanted a fresh start.

"I realized I would have to go back to school if I wanted to get a job in the new millennium," he said.

After meeting a co-worker's wife who worked as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), Ferguson decided that he too shared a passion for healthcare and helping others. He enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Brown Mackie College – Fort Wayne where he attended classes four days a week and worked as a restaurant cook in the evenings.

In 2009, Ferguson graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Occupational Therapy Assistance, and shortly after passing his state licensure was offered a job with a therapy company in Anderson, Indiana.

"I felt pride run through me as I realized I had made it. I would say to anyone who is even thinking of school to go for it!"

Martin Ferguson proves that finding your passion in life can come at any time.