



Marissa's Student Journey

Marissa started working at McDonald's part time in high school. She now works full time as a McDonald's crew member. Marissa still lives at home and helps her family with her younger siblings.

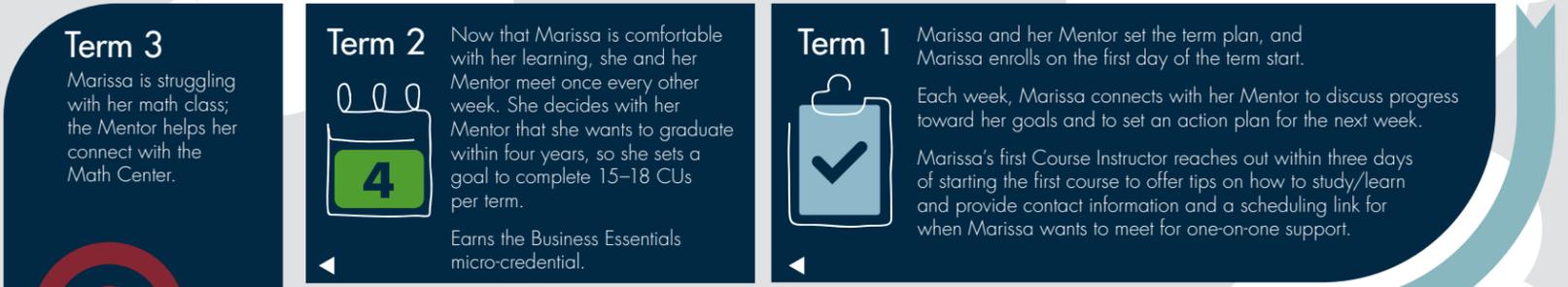
Some of her friends went to college. She thought about it, but it never seemed possible. No one in her family has gone to college. She needs to work to help her family financially.

She would like to pursue her education, but she doesn't know where to start. The education benefits provided by her work seem like a great opportunity.

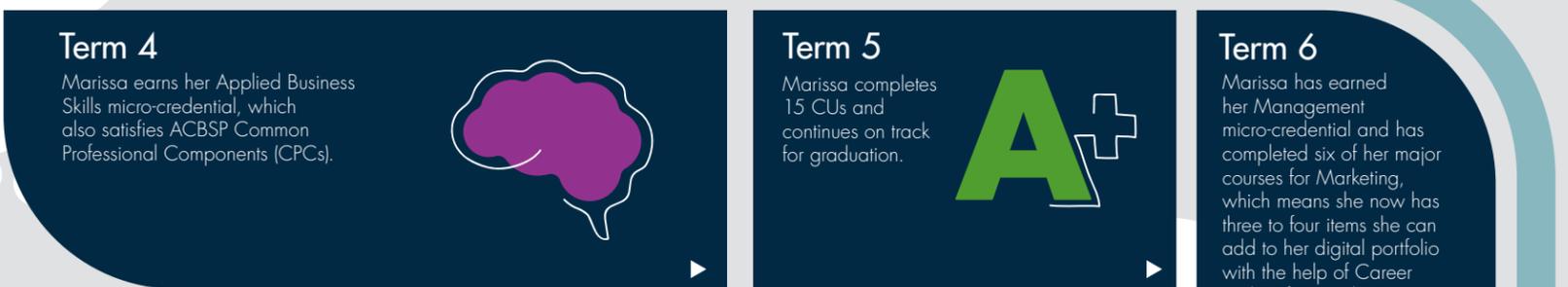
Marissa, 20,
Crew Member for three years

Challenges
Financial struggles.
Tech constraints—She doesn't have a computer or internet at home.
Time—With work, family and friends, her life is very busy.
Doesn't know how to navigate starting her education.
Was terrible at math in high school.

Education
Graduated high school with a 2.2 GPA. No college.



EACH TERM IS SIX MONTHS IN LENGTH.



Graduation

Marissa graduates!

Marissa and her family attend Commencement Weekend.

Marissa connects with the WGU Career & Professional Development Center to update her resume and engages in one-to-one coaching on how to leverage her recent achievement for career progression.

WGU alumni have access to career and professional development services for life.

Term 8

Marissa has earned her Human Resources Management micro-credential and has completed all the required competency units to earn her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration—Marketing.

Term 7



*Financial aid and scholarships may change annually based on her current FAFSA.