



Annette's Story



When Annette discovered Encore NEO three years ago, she was struggling to get back into environmental engineering after stepping away to care for an aging parent for several years. She had spent a lot of money and time on resumes and job searches, assuming companies were just waiting to hire her, only to be met with silence or rejection. Meanwhile, cash reserves dwindled.

Encore NEO helped Annette understand that traditional job search methods don't work for people over age 50. With coaching and encouragement, Annette:

- learned to network – and lost her fear of it along the way;
- learned that while she will never look like a fresh college graduate, her experience was valuable;
- took inventory of her strengths and values, and learned how to leverage them; and
- learned to ask potential employers what they needed, and crafted ways to show them the value she could provide.

Annette says the process wasn't easy, and some of it was scary! But she followed up on every suggestion the Encore NEO community offered.

Within a few months, Annette began working with an environmental engineering consultant referred to her by an Encore NEO contact. Today, she assists three environmental engineering consultants, has become an insurance agent to supplement her income, and has created a modest online presence.

About Encore NEO Annette says: “No matter what your reasons, if you're over 50, seeking meaningful employment, and need some guidance, check out Encore NEO! We are caring, thoughtful, and quite frankly, awesome folks. And we can't wait to help you move your story forward!”

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