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While she enjoyed the technology courses and learning from her favorite professors, her favorite part was her capstone course. She and her cohort worked on a business simulation game that used concepts from all of their courses.

"The capstone class was the best," Whipple said. "It made sense with all of the other classes. This program gave me a better understanding of business processes and techniques."

While she already had 15 years of real-world experience, Whipple learned more about managerial styles, project planning and business operations that have helped her in the computer lab. She recommends the program to people who want to return to a college campus for a bachelor's degree.

Whipple is looking forward to finishing up her degree at the Camarillo campus, where she'll complete a computer science minor. She's already thinking about the returning to CI's Extended University after graduation to work toward an M.B.A.

"I already had a career, but this degree will allow me greater future flexibility," she said. "It gives me more credentials and will make me even more valuable as an employee."