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Ms. Samantha Cobos originally graduated in 1992 from a four-year college with a degree in Computer Information Systems and then went on to work as a computer programmer. For several years the work was enjoyable, but slowly it became less challenging, leading her to contemplate a career change. Her creative side was leaning towards design and in 2001 Samantha enrolled with Rhodec International to study their three year Interior Design program.

Before enrolling with Rhodec, Samantha considered traditional colleges offering interior design programs. Each one required attendance on campus, which was not an easy option with three young children to care for. Flexibility of schedule and cost were important and after only just finishing repayments on her original student loans Rhodec's tuition was affordable without the need for further loans.

For Samantha, distance learning allowed her to study on her own time without commuting or having to stick to a schedule. Rhodec International's distance learning program has students from all around the world, so it was not an isolating experience for her. She loved the online bulletin boards and contact with local students.

*"Upon graduation I started my own interior design business, which is thriving. I owe much of my success to Rhodec International."*