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## Ankurkumar Patel Accounting Technology

"Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life – think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success, that is way great spiritual giants are produced."

-Pramukh Swami Maharaj

Ankurkumar Patel was born and raised in Vadodara, Gujarat, India. He graduated from H V Shroff High school, in Vadodara in 1999. He attended The Maharaja Sayajirao University Baroda in 2000, but struggled academically, therefore a three-year program took him five years to complete.

He moved to the United States in 2008 and, after struggling to find employment, began work in a store as a cashier. However, the position did not provide a living wage, so he worked at several jobs until he found a position with the San Antonio Water System. After he started working at the company, his wife inspired him to further his education.

He began taking classes at San Antonio College in 2017. With English as a second language and coming from a different schooling system, it was not easy for him to go back to school and adjust in the new academic environment.

Ankurkumar will graduate from SAC in May of 2021 with an associate of applied science in accounting technology. He plans to continue his education and earn his certified public accountant license for state of Texas.