

Lifelong Learner Story Series ▶▶



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“ The stackable certificate course in Cyber Security that I enrolled in was very well designed. I was able to gain insight and apply the knowledge to my work. ”

Please share with us your professional life's journey and at which point in your career did you aspire to enrol in this certificate?

I am working in the Space Tech industry. Cyber security is a must and very important component for our Space infrastructure. We have to ensure communication is secure between point A to point B through satellites. The CZ4064: Security Management course offered by PaCE@NTU that I attended in 2020 reinforced my knowledge in the area of cyber security and I got to know more in depth about how cyber security can be applied in our Space environment. When I saw PaCE@NTU offering the cyber security courses in 2019, I decided to take up Specialist Certificate in Cyber Security courses as they would come in handy and really help my day to day work. I am currently enrolling in CZ4069: Concepts and Techniques for Malware Analysis.

Describe the factors that led you to choose PaCE@NTU.

As an NTU alumni, I am able to utilise my alumni course credits worth S\$1,600 to subsidise my course fee after enjoying SkillsFuture (SSG) funding up to 90% course fee. PaCE@NTU offers course subjects that are relevant to my work, which attracted and encouraged me to further my study with them.

Share with us a memorable experience you had during your time at NTU.

I enjoyed the experience of being able to discuss and hear the sharing from lecturers about their experiences in their specialised area and field. These greatly enhanced my knowledge and enabled me to handle work problems more holistically. The lecturers are also friendly and always willing to go extra mile to help learners.

What were the challenges you faced when trying to complete this certificate, and how did you manage them?

Due to my work commitment, it was hard for me to allocate the proper time to study the course materials. I had to sacrifice some of my personal time with family in order to concentrate more on my studies.

Please share with us your thoughts on lifelong learning.

Lifelong learning is a very good initiative and PaCE@NTU offers programmes and courses that allow working adults to continue learning new things at their own pace. The range of their programmes is very wide and we can choose what we want to learn to apply to our work or future career switch.

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