

## Lifelong Learner Story Series ▶▶



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#### What motivated you to choose the NTU Part-time Bachelor Of Engineering Programme?

It has always been my dream to obtain a degree somewhere in my education journey. The NTU part-time Bachelor of Engineering degree is one of the most reputable part-time degree I can find, and the simple fact that I can

graduate with a degree that mirrors the same as the full-time programme is a deciding factor why I chose this programme.

#### Why do you think there is a need to pursue further studies beyond your polytechnic diploma?

I've always thought learning at the degree level would be able to bring out the real growth potential of one's capabilities as the knowledge gained through the degree programme helps build a better foundation of the fundamentals which we learnt at the diploma level. Personally, I feel that with the world moving in such fast pace, critical thinking is a skill set all working professionals must have, and with the evolution of AI and technologies being a dominant force in most industries and sector, further education is truly encouraged. A degree will also put what you've learnt to the test by putting yourself to be involved in groundbreaking innovations and showing your understanding of the concepts through the final year project. All these would bring one closer to the real-world in terms of applications, and definitely will give a far better advantage compared to those holding just a polytechnic diploma.

#### How did you manage your studies, family and working life?

I got married and had a baby boy during my second year of studying. It was definitely a trying time for me, but thankfully my wife and family were very supportive. Even my classmates were very supportive during this period of time! We worked hard together, bite the bullet together and helped each other out along the way! Also, I am thankful that my organisation sponsored me to take up this degree programme. They were also very supportive by providing the flexibility I needed to complete my tasks and attend classes in the evening.

#### How did the programme help you in your career?

The programme definitely helped me better appreciate the concepts, that is the breadth and depth of the knowledge. It aided my understanding how impactful such knowledge could be with real-life applications that were relatable to my industry and the field of work I was involved in. Other than the hard knowledge, it developed me to be a more independent person and improved skill sets such as critical thinking.

#### Would you encourage your friends to embark on the NTU Part-time Bachelor Of Engineering Programme or even pursue their lifelong learning journey with NTU?

The first year would be the hardest, but don't give up at your first failure. Instead, pick yourself up and surround yourself with determined peers who want to complete the journey together with you. Having a few good friends to run this race together with you is my best piece of advice. I wouldn't recommend doing it alone. Lastly, having a strong family support is important, as you will need to sacrifice some family time to prepare for your exams or assignments.