

## Lifelong Learner Story Series ▶▶



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- ▶ Pursued courses stackable to FlexiMasters in Supply Chain Engineering

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

I started my career as an engineer after graduating from NTU with a Bachelor of Engineering in Materials Science and Engineering. I decided to pursue FlexiMasters in Supply Chain Engineering in 2021 because of the

COVID-19 pandemic. The supply chain industry was greatly impacted due to the lockdowns and border restrictions. Many factories were closed. I was interested to learn more about the strategies that supply chain companies can implement to be able to respond quickly to ever-changing challenges.

#### What attracted you to your chosen FlexiMasters at PaCE@NTU?

My familiarity with NTU as well as the NTU alumni course credits attracted me to pursue this FlexiMasters at PaCE@NTU. NTU is my alma mater. Hence, I do not need to worry about locating the lecture theatre or getting additional reading resources. As I was also self-financing my own continuing education, the NTU alumni course credits, worth S\$1,600 provided much needed financial support in offsetting my courses fees, which greatly helped in reducing my financial burden.

#### Which aspect of this FlexiMasters do you like the most?

I like the flexibility of the FlexiMasters learning pathway the most. It allows me to learn and further my studies at my own pace which is important for a working adult like myself. The requirements to complete the courses and receive the FlexiMasters certificate are more attainable than the full-time Master's degree. With lesser emphasis on grades and more industry relevant content, the courses made my learning less stressful and more enjoyable.

#### What were the challenges you faced when trying to complete this FlexiMasters?

I live and work in the eastern part of Singapore. Travelling to NTU and being on time for classes after work were definitely challenging for me. Hence, I tried to attend classes online as much as possible. If there were in-class activities or project presentation that required me to be there physically, I would take Grab to NTU for class and to my home after class. Another challenge that I faced was to juggle my time between my work, family and friends. I realised studying part-time required a lot of commitment and time management as well.

#### How did you juggle family/working life with your studies?

Time management and commitment were the keys to juggle my family and working life with my studies. I would usually allocate one of the weekends to catch up on my studies and the other day to spend time with my family and friends. However, when the assignment deadlines or examination period drew near, I would spend my rest time after my work on weekdays revising.