

Lifelong Learner Story Series ▶▶



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What attracted you to your chosen certificate at PaCE@NTU?

My background in private tuition inspired me to learn how to improve myself as a better educator and also my method of conducting lessons. Furthermore, I am interested in the developmental psychology side of education because I want to understand myself and my students' psyche

better as a form of reconciliation (to move forward) and empathy. Therefore, I chose to enrol in FlexiMasters in Learning and Development offered by National Institute of Education (NIE) in 2020.

Which aspect of this certificate do you like the most?

I like the preset modular courses which form the foundational knowledge of the master's degree that I am interested in. This certificate equipped me with the necessary knowledge to prepare me for different field, since my undergraduate studies were in engineering while the certificate was in education. The registration process for this certificate was also smooth and easy, easing some administrative load on my end.

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

The main challenge of this certificate for me was enhanced rigour. The courses are taken from NTU postgraduate degree programme that require thorough literature review and adequate examples provided during written assignments. Also, there was no final exam to do a last minute miracle. The courses were conducted through continual assessments which consisted essays and group projects. It was a steep learning curve for me. However, the instructors were patient and friendly to provide me guidance.

Has this certificate benefitted you in your career development?

Yes, this certificate supported my application to be a trainer in my organisation because I acquired the knowledge in learning and development and I am able to apply these at my work. It also value added me by allowing myself to have a mid-career switch to the teaching industry in the future should I want to. Overall, this upskilling has opened more doors of opportunities for me.

Please share with us your future plan on continuing your education upon completing this certificate.

Since I enjoyed the glimpse into the content and rigour of a full master's degree, I have just enrolled in NIE's Masters of Education (Developmental Psychology). I am happy with the grades I achieved from the certificate that was awarded to me because it is a recognition of my competency in the field. PaCE has also been very helpful in coordinating everything with NIE and clarifying my queries to make this possible.