

# Telecommunications Student Profile

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I am here today to write about my SAIT experience as honestly and straight up as I can because you have an important life decision to make. I am writing this for you, so that I can help you decide what is best for your future.

If you are reading this, it's a safe bet to assume that you are a potential SAIT student and interested in the Telecommunications major. Good choice so far!

I will get to the point right away so you won't have to read much further:

SAIT is a great institution, with caring, knowledgeable teachers. They will open doors for you and get you a great job in the field you love. If you like technology, enjoy the versatility of getting dirty out in the field or staying warm working on device configurations in the office, don't wait any longer, enrol right now! The telecommunications major gives you huge flexibility as it's basically a networking major too. I should point out that when I went through the program and graduated in 2010 we were doing CCIP level labs and the curriculum might evolve even further when you go through it.

Use me as an example ...I was flown to BC to be wined and dined by my future company, NorthwesTel, months before I even graduated. They offered me a very generous package! I basically walked out of SAIT and into a \$70,000/year job with lots of perks. The bottom line is SAIT gave me the training and most importantly, got me in-touch with companies looking to hire.

Now it's not all going to be rainbows and sunshine. Some classes will seem more important than others. I know a lot of effort goes into designing your classes which are tailored straight from industry feedback; they are there for a reason. All you need to do now is work hard, stay consistent and with SAIT's help you will be successful!

I have a special thanks to Darwin Risdon and all my teachers for their understanding and patience with me. Without your support and everything you guys put up with (I mean - did for me, ha ha) I wouldn't have made it. Thank you for being the wonderful people that you are.

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