

Telecommunications Student Profile

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To be a student of SAIT can change your life. I'm the best example of who can benefit from the SAIT Telecom program.

As an immigrant from China, the biggest challenge for me was not only to find a job to make a living, but also to find a job equivalent to what I did in my homeland as a career. Having worked as a production worker for one year and sending many resumes with no response, I realized that I have to do something to make my life better.

I went to SAIT to register in the Telecom program as a winter entry student in October of 2005. The SAIT registration computer rejected my application because there was no winter intake in Telecom program. But I was thankful that SAIT left an opportunity open to me instead of shutting the door instantly. I was offered the possibility of doing some catch-up work and then writing challenge exams in all the subjects for credit. I decided to take the risk because of not wanting to wait until next year. I bought the course packages and borrowed some reference text books as well. I did lab-work to pass P-Tests, wrote mid-term exams in the testing center and wrote final exams along with in-course students for a total of six courses. I passed all the exams with high marks which gave SAIT confidence to take me as a student.

In the Telecom program, I updated some technique skills and theory, and learned how to find a job as well. I received a Millennium Excellence Award valued at \$4000 while in the program. SAIT will provide you more opportunities to be hired by an employer. SAIT's good reputation will significantly increase your chances of getting a job. I was hired by my current company right before I graduated from SAIT.

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