The quest for
self-improvement

Le Thanh Tung, 28, signed up for a degree in Computer Science to broaden his knowledge.

What attracted you to enrol in Ngee Ann-Adelaide Education Centre (NAA)?
After graduating from polytechnic, I worked for more than two years before deciding to upgrade myself and study for a degree in Computer Science.
As a joint venture between Ngee Ann Kongsi and the University of Adelaide, NAA provides high-quality education. I was also attracted by the advance standing, which allowed me to enrol directly for the final year of the Bachelor of Computer Science programme. In addition, classes are held over the weekends and will not clash with my full-time job as a software engineer.

What is the course like?
The programme encompasses core Computer Science courses that provide students with a foundation in Maths, Computer Programming, Data Structure and Algorithm.
The programme also has advanced elective modules, including Operating Systems and Computer Networks. In the final year, we focus on Software Engineering. We learn how to write professional documents, use new software tools, and improve our presentation skills.

How do the lecturers enhance your learning?
The lecturers are passionate and helpful. They use real-life examples to motivate us and inspire us to think creatively.

How do you balance your time between work and studies?
I try to do the course assignments early and read my lecture materials before attending class so that I am able to better understand the lesson. I also do a weekly revision on what I’ve learned. This process makes me feel more comfortable when exams are near.

How is the course related to your work?
As a software engineer, my job involves writing code. I apply the knowledge that I have learnt from the course to improve my computer programming skills at work.
As I gain more knowledge, I have discovered that many things I did before can be done in better and more efficient ways.

You have been awarded the University of Adelaide Honours Scholarship by Ngee Ann Kongsi and will be doing an additional one-year honours programme in Adelaide. Tell us more about it.
The University of Adelaide Honours Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship awarded to a few students a year. I’m grateful to Ngee Ann Kongsi and the University of Adelaide for giving me this opportunity to do the one-year programme in Adelaide.
Receiving the scholarship motivates me to not only continue to study hard but also make me feel more confident to do well in the future.

What does the University of Adelaide Honours Scholarship cover?
The scholarship covers the programme fee for a one-year honours programme in Adelaide. The scholarship allows me to enhance my knowledge and pursue my passion for computer science without worrying about my finances.

You have given up your job to do this honours programme overseas. What is your motivation?
I want to broaden my knowledge in computer science. In order to work more effectively, a strong foundation in education is important. I’m motivated by the opportunity to take on new challenges and learn new things.

What are your plans after you return from Adelaide?
I would like to become a lead programmer who works in a dynamic team where I can apply my knowledge and experience to lead my team to achieve our goal.

At a glance:
Scholarship: Ngee Ann Kongsi Scholarship
Course: Bachelor of Computer Science
Institute: The University of Adelaide
Education Centre
Duration: 2 years