

LEE KUAN YEOW GOLD MEDAL

MALCOLM CHEW JIA RUI

**NITEC IN NURSING
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Inspiring Hope, Overcoming Hurdles

Raised by a single mother, Malcolm grew up under difficult financial circumstances. Nevertheless, he faced adversity with unwavering resilience. After his N-Levels, Malcolm put his studies on hold to work. As the eldest child, he believed it was his responsibility to support his family.

Malcolm was keen to resume his studies after his National Service, as he recognised its importance to building a stable career. Driven by his passion for helping others, he enrolled in the *Nitec* in Nursing course.

While pursuing his studies at ITE, Malcolm also worked part-time at a café to reduce his family's financial burden. He switched to working as a locum nurse, after completing an internship at a hospital. Beyond managing his studies and work, Malcolm also served as the President of the Singapore Nurses Association Student Chapter at ITE.

Embracing Challenges

“Even if I was given a choice to live another life without the challenges I encountered, I would say ‘no’. Resilience cannot be taught. You learn it as you go through each challenge. Due to my family circumstances, I have had to think like an adult earlier than my peers, and had to be more mature and resourceful. When I was younger, I used to feel worried and anxious. Now, I have confidence in overcoming any difficulties that come my way.”

After ITE

Malcolm is pursuing a Diploma in Nursing at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. He plans to take a degree in nursing, after attaining his Diploma.

Top Achievements

- Distinguishing himself as an exemplary all-rounder, Malcolm was a recipient of the 2023 Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award and ITE CCA Medal.
- He was conferred the Top Nursing Student Award for his cohort, and was on the Director's List for all terms from 2021 to 2022.
- Malcolm received the 2022 Singapore Kwangtung Hui Kuan Student Resilience Award, which recognises students who excel above challenging circumstances.
- For his extensive service contributions, he was awarded the ITE Service Star Gold Award in 2021 and 2022.