

# Get to Know...

## Wafiqah Bte Zulkifli

**I** have always been captivated by ships, the ocean, and the role of engineering in shaping the maritime industry. I wanted a career that takes me beyond traditional office settings. I enjoy exploring and sought something different from the paths women typically pursue, such as office work, retail, or tourism.

Marine engineering stood out as the perfect choice, offering a unique blend of problem-solving and innovation. That's why I chose to take up the Work-Study Diploma in (WSDip) Marine & Offshore Engineering.



### How does it feel being one of the very few girls in the male-dominated maritime industry?

It can be challenging at times, but I see it as an opportunity to break barriers and inspire more women to join the field.

It's rewarding to prove that capability isn't determined by gender, and I've been fortunate to work with supportive peers and mentors.

## Setting Sail

My WSDip experience was incredibly rewarding. I chose Seatrium because of their reputation for innovation and the exposure they offer in shipbuilding and marine engineering.

The hands-on learning approach stood out the most for me. I really enjoyed the practical sessions, working with real equipment, and applying what I learnt to solve real-world problems. The supportive environment made learning enjoyable. The lecturers are very supportive and always encouraging you to do better.

ITE also helped me develop technical skills and gave me the confidence to handle challenges. They instilled a strong sense of discipline and teamwork, which are essential in the marine industry, and has continued to help me while I'm furthering my studies at the Singapore Institute of Technology.

While demanding, it is also very exciting building on my prior knowledge, diving deeper into concepts, and gaining more theoretical and practical expertise. It has been a challenging, but fulfilling journey, so far.

## Giving Back

My ultimate goal is to return to ITE as a lecturer at ITE. I want to give back to the institution that played a significant role in shaping my journey and to inspire future generations by sharing my knowledge and experiences.

I hope to encourage students to believe in their potential, overcome obstacles, and pursue their dreams confidently by sharing my challenges and successes.

Teaching at ITE would allow me to not only contribute to the development of skilled professionals, but also to nurture a passion for lifelong learning and innovation in my students. 🚢



# ELEVATE SKILLS



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Always stay curious and open to learning. Don't be afraid to take on challenges, and make the most of the opportunities you have at ITE.

Do not give up no matter what you're going through. Never stop and chase your goals. You will reach there with determination and perseverance.