

Nurqistina Atiqah Binte Abu Bakar

Higher Nitec in Human Resource & Administration ITE College East



Aiming for the Courts

Fighting for justice in the courts has always been Nurqistina Atiqah Binte Abu Bakar's dream but her 'O' level Math grade did not meet the minimum requirement for the course of her choice at a polytechnic. Though she was offered a science-related course, Qistina chose to further her studies at ITE instead.

To build up her portfolio and make the best of her two years at ITE, Qistina seized every opportunity offered to her. Her commitment saw her participating in close to 50 college, community and national-level events, while maintaining a near-perfect Grade Point Average. During her internship, her outstanding performance impressed her employer and she emerged as the top intern of her batch in the company.

Though a longer route, the ITE education journey was a most enriching one for Qistina. More importantly, it gave her a second shot at pursuing her legal dreams – in which she was successful!

Network of Support

"I chose ITE because of the internship opportunities. I think internship is very important as it will give me a better sense of working life. The next best thing about ITE would be the amazing people I've met – my classmates, the caring lecturers, and my Student Council peers. They were always there to cheer me on and support me; I really appreciate and treasure them."

After ITE

Qistina is currently pursuing a diploma in Law & Management at Temasek Polytechnic. Inspired by the late criminal lawyer, Subhas Anandan, and his pro-bono cases, she hopes to work in the legal industry and make an impact in the community.

Top Achievements

- Qistina gives her all in everything she does. This was duly recognised through several awards. She earned the Outstanding Graduate Award, CE Community Volunteerism Award and Lee Kuan Yew CCA Award in 2022, and the Service Star Diamond Award in 2021.
- Despite her demanding portfolio, Qistina's diligence in her studies saw her make the Director's List in 2020 and 2021.
- As President of the Student Council, Qistina was involved in or organised almost 50 events, including the Credit Suisse Mentoring Programme, ACE Programme, Singapore's Perspectives Conference and National Day Rally Dialogues.