

## Suria Bte Saad

### Work-Study Diploma in Community Engagement & Development ITE College Central



## Opportunities to Shine

The last time Suria Bte Saad was in school was almost 20 years ago. The ITE graduate seized the chance to upskill when her company, a Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) partner, offered staff the opportunity to take on WSDip training. It was an eye-opening experience for her, coming back to ITE after two decades. Aside from the upgraded facilities, Suria appreciated that there is a lot more hands-on and on-the-job training now, which excited and motivated her.

Though it was challenging for the working mother-of-two, the WSDip also highlighted qualities she possessed, which caught the eye of her supervisors at work. As part of the course, Suria had to fulfil certain tasks for her projects and she demonstrated that she was able to apply her knowledge effectively. As a result, Suria was promoted twice during the course duration! Today, she enjoys her added role as a mentor and is looking to pursue a part-time degree in social services.

### Seize the Day

*"If you have the opportunity to upgrade, take it! Once you are on board, it will motivate you to seek more knowledge. For me, I became more willing to learn new things. I applied what I studied at my workplace and more opportunities opened up for me when my supervisors saw what I was capable of."*

### After ITE

Suria is now an Assistant Centre Manager at the Jurong West Sports Centre and Hockey Village @ Boon Lay. She is currently pursuing a Continuing Education and Training (CET) module at the Social University of Social Sciences.

### Top Achievements

- Suria demonstrated leadership, resourcefulness and determination during her WSDip training by going the extra mile in everything she does. She is well-liked by her classmates, often taking initiative to conduct team-building activities.
- Suria was consistent in producing excellent work. She secured a Grade Point Average of 3.527 and was the Gold Course Medal winner of her WSDip course in 2021. Motivated by her good results, Suria is looking to deepen her skills further by taking on CET modules that will contribute towards earning a part-time degree in social services. This is on top of the Degree in Islamic Studies she is pursuing for her personal growth.
- As a WSDip graduate with stellar work performance, Suria now has the added role of assessing and supervising a new batch of WSDip trainees at Sport Singapore. She views this as a chance for her to give back and to inspire others.