

Siti Nurhajah Bte Haron

Nitec in Nursing

ITE College East



Nursing is a Work of Heart

Siti Nurhajah Bte Haron vividly remembers the warmth of nurses during a hospital stay in her teens, and finally paid it forward when she studied nursing in ITE. But pursuing her passion had to take a back seat in 2013 when she became the sole bread winner for her family with her father unable to work. As the eldest child among four children, Siti felt responsible for her family and took on multiple jobs to support them. From being a waitress and a clinic assistant to a part-time camp instructor, she became her family's lifeline.

In 2017, Siti was finally ready to re-enrol in ITE's nursing course, at age 23. Cherishing the second chance, she did exceedingly well in her studies and led an active campus life. During her internship at Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Siti was a medical worker, counsellor and friend to an elderly patient. Besides caregiving, she comforted the agitated patient and counselled the patient's son who had suicidal thoughts. On the day of discharge, the patient gave Siti a hug to express her gratitude for Siti's unwavering concern. The patient's son also thanked Siti for her advice, which reminded him to cherish life and focus on taking care of his mother. Such is the mark Siti leaves on the hearts of those she serves selflessly – in and out of the hospital wards.

No Regrets

"If we could go back in time to 2013, I would still have chosen to support my family financially over continuing my studies. I believe my decision then has made me a more mature person today. My lecturer once said: "When something bad happens, it may be a blessing in disguise." I gave my all in my second shot at nursing in 2017, and it brought me to where I am today."

After ITE

Siti is currently pursuing a Diploma in Nursing at Nanyang Polytechnic. After obtaining a diploma, she plans to work in a hospital, then pursue a related degree.

Top Achievements

- Siti is the Valedictorian for ITE College East and was accorded the Top Nursing Graduate Award for her perfect GPA of 4.0.
- She received several awards such as Edusave Character Award 2017, ITE College East Service Star Gold 2017 & Platinum Award 2018, ITE College East Excellence Award 2019, Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award 2019 and St Luke's Book Prize 2018.
- During a student exchange programme to Melbourne, Australia, Siti displayed outstanding presentation skills as she shared the learning culture in ITE and healthcare system in Singapore to teachers and 100 nursing students from Holmesglen Institute of TAFE. Upon returning to Singapore, she also conducted a post-trip presentation on her learning experience and cultural insights to 200 fellow nursing students in ITE College East.