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ITE Offers 10 New Work-Learn Technical Diplomas

Increased opportunities for ITE graduates to deepen skills and progress in their careers

ITE first launched four Work-Learn Technical Diplomas (WLTDs) in April 2018, providing a new skills-based, work-study pathway for ITE graduates. To give ITE graduates more opportunities to acquire skills and build their careers, **ITE will be offering 10 new WLTDs from April 2019**. This brings the total number of WLTDs to **14**, as listed here:

No.	Date of Commencement	Work-Learn Technical Diploma (WLTD)
1	April 2019	WLTD in Chemical Process Technology
2		WLTD in Community Engagement & Development
3		WLTD in Data Centre Infrastructure & Operation
4		WLTD in Hotel & Restaurant Management
5		WLTD in Lifestyle & Recreation Management
6		WLTD in Logistics & Supply Chain Management
7		WLTD in Microelectronics
8		WLTD in Patient Management & Services
9		WLTD in Port Automation Technology
10		WLTD in Vertical Transportation
11	April 2018	WLTD in Marine & Offshore Engineering
12		WLTD in Mechanical & Electrical Services Supervision
13		WLTD in Rehabilitation Care
14		WLTD in Security Systems Engineering

2 Come 2019, some 350 trainees are expected to begin training in the 14 WLTDs. The WLTD programmes last between 2.5 and 3 years, with 70 per cent of curriculum time conducted via On-the-Job training at the workplace. The WLTDs are developed and designed in close partnership with employers. Such partnership is essential in ensuring ITE graduates are equipped with deep skills needed by industry.

Stronger Industry Endorsement

3 Marking a signal of growing industry participation, a total of 113 employers have joined hands with ITE to co-create these programmes. Of these, 98 companies inked their partnership by signing Letters of Acceptance during a Signing Ceremony that was witnessed by Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education, at ITE Headquarters.

4 One company that inked its partnership with ITE was Equinix Singapore Pte Ltd. Equinix took in trainees for the WLTD in Security Systems Engineering in 2018. As a major global interconnection and data centre provider, Equinix is partnering ITE further to develop the new WLTD in Data Centre Infrastructure & Operation. Before the Signing Ceremony, members of the ITE Board of Governors visited Equinix to better understand the company's operations. They also met ITE trainees who have deepened their skills and built their careers at Equinix.

5 Mr Andrew Rigoli, Vice President, Corporate Development & Strategy, Equinix Asia-Pacific, said, "We are very excited to be partnering with ITE to identify great talents who are committed to learning about data centre operations and their significance to the emerging digital economy. As Singapore is building its future oriented toward a Smart Nation, we believe we can contribute by helping to prepare the next generation of employees with skills and experiences that will benefit the larger society. At Equinix, we prioritise nurturing talents by providing them with exposure to the latest trends and unique learning opportunities in a dynamic and fast-paced work environment, where they are at the centre of many of the most exciting converging technologies and customers that are connecting in Equinix data centres. We are committed to developing a talented workforce that can help power our business and make continued contributions to Singapore's future. This WLTD programme makes this an incredible opportunity for those looking to work in the technology sector."

6 Ms Low Khah Gek, CEO, ITE, said, "The 14 WLTDs will offer ITE graduates skills upgrading options across a wide range of industry sectors. The unique feature of the WLTD is that it leverages ITE's hallmark 'learn-by-doing' approach. In the next few years, ITE will step up our efforts to engage and work with industry to develop more WLTDs. We recognise that the WLTD pathway will certainly enhance the skills-upgrading and career progression opportunities for ITE graduates as they will have another option beyond the full-time and part-time diploma programmes."

Application Requirements

7 The WLTD programmes are open to both fresh and in-employment ITE graduates who are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents, and have:

- A relevant *Nitec* with a Grade Point Average (GPA) score of at least 2.0; or
- A relevant *Higher Nitec*; or
- Any other *Nitec/Higher Nitec*, two years' relevant work experience, and support from their employers. Employers must be participants of the WLTD programme.

8 Non-ITE graduates with relevant experience and strong employer endorsement will also be considered. Male applicants must have completed National Service.

9 Registration for the WLTDs will open on **Monday, 5 November 2018**. Applicants can register via the ITE website at www.ite.edu.sg.

10 More information on the specific requirements for each programme is available in the course booklet. For queries and arrangement of interviews and photography, please contact:

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About ITE

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) is a post-secondary education institution established in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. As a principal provider of career and technical education, and a key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards, ITE's Mission is to create opportunities for students and adult learners to acquire skills, knowledge and values for employability and lifelong learning. ITE's Vision is to be A Trailblazer in Career and Technical Education. Our Values are Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence and Care. ITE comprises the ITE Headquarters and three ITE Colleges – College Central, College East and College West.