WORK-STUDY
DIPLOMA
LEARN BEYOND THE BOX
WHY WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA?
WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA (WSDIP)
STARTED IN 2018

• 2.5-year apprenticeship-based programme
• Curriculum co-designed with industry
• Earn a competitive starting salary and enjoy employee benefits
• Deepen skills through structured workplace learning and mentorship
• Get a fully-sponsored and nationally-recognised Diploma
• Opportunity for further academic progression
PROGRESSION PATHWAYS
ITE DIPLOMAS vs POLYTECHNIC DIPLOMAS

PROGRAMME COMPARISON
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<td>3 to 6 months of industry attachment</td>
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COURSES
OVERVIEW OF WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA

Over 40 WSDip Courses across 3 Sectors

Business & Services  Engineering  Infocomm & Media

As a very hands-on person, I was not keen on Poly’s mode of training. Hence my course manager recommended ITE’s WSDip in Lifestyle & Recreation Management. I like the programme very much - the programme structure and flow is good and I feel aligned with the values of my employer. With good time management, I feel that the WSDip is a manageable and beneficial programme to pursue.

STACY MARY LEE
Trainer, Powerkids Tumbles (WSDip Trainee in Lifestyle & Recreation Management)
Through this WSDip programme, I learnt what Intellectual Disability (ID) is about and how to plan programmes for people with ID. This WSDip gives me a **good head start**, and has **trained me to be patient and determined**. After graduation next year, I hope to continue working in this sector, perhaps in a government agency or hospital setting.

**KHOO MEOW LING**  
Care Assistant, Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities  
(WSDip Trainee in Community Engagement & Development)
I am glad to be able to apply the knowledge that I have gained from the WSDip programme at work. Sharing my career journey and accomplishments with my peers brings me joy. I strive to constantly push myself to step out of my comfort zone to gain more experience and knowledge.

MUHAMMAD RAHMAD BIN JAMALUDIN
Senior Engineer, Schindler Lifts Singapore
(WSDip Graduate in Vertical Transportation)
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After graduating from my Higher Nitec course, I wanted to pursue a Diploma in a polytechnic. However, I knew it was not an option, because I needed to work and support myself. My ITE lecturer understood my situation and encouraged me to join the WSDip programme. It was ideal as it enabled me to work and study at the same time.

MUHAMMAD HAIKAL RADZUAN BIN RAMLI
Network Engineer, Avodaq
(WSDip Graduate in IT System Integration)
employers partnering ITE in offering WSDip Programmes

This work and learn model serves the healthcare setting very well because the trainees are able to apply their learning to the practice and continue to improve. We certainly hope to support more of our staff with this aspiration to further their training and advance their skills and knowledge, and we think that the WSDip at ITE is an excellent avenue.

MS TAN BEE YEE
Director, Allied Health
SingHealth Community Hospitals
By co-designing the curriculum with ITE, it enables us to incorporate real life examples and industry experience into a structured module to be taught in the classroom. This enables immediate application into the working environment when they begin their journey with us. The experience and theory they gain within the classroom prepares them to be assimilated into their new working environment.

**ITE Work-Study Diploma Entry Requirements**

### Nitec Graduate
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- From relevant feeder courses only

### Higher Nitec Graduate
- No minimum GPA requirement
- From relevant feeder courses only

Be successfully employed full-time by a partner company to be enrolled into the WSDip programme.

**MR LEE HSIN CHONG**  
Managing Director  
BNL Group of Companies
STEP 1

Nov – Dec
Submit Online Application
Check website for latest updates and application details.
https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/work-study-diploma

STEP 2

Nov Mid – Feb
Attend Interviews
Applicants will apply to partners with resume. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

STEP 3

Mid Feb – Mar
Matriculation
Only applicants who accept full-time employment* offer from partner company can be enrolled into WSDip programme.

*Company may request to start employment earlier, ahead of April course commencement.

STEP 4

Early April
Course Commencement
Details will be shared accordingly with matriculated WSDip Trainees.
Successfully-placed trainees will receive $5,000 sign-on incentive!

6 months after course commencement
$2,500

After graduation
$2,500

$5,000 / Eligible WSDip Trainee

To be eligible for the SkillsFuture Work-Study Diploma sign-on incentive, one must:

• Be a Singapore Citizen
• Be an ITE graduate from a relevant Full-Time course or with an Operationally Ready Date (ORD) from NS within 36 months of the course start date
• NOT be a BCA-Industry Built Environment ITE Scholarship Recipient
To be eligible for the ITE Progression Award, one must be:

- a **Singaporean ITE graduate, aged 30 and below**, who pursue a **diploma qualification issued by an MOE-funded institution from 2024**.

For more information:

- [Institute of Technical Education (ITE) Progression Award (IPA) | MOE](https://www.ite.edu.sg/docs/default-source/work-study-diploma-docs/ite-progression-award.pdf)
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
What is the difference between ITE’s WSDip and Poly’s Work-Study Certificate Leading to a Diploma?

ITE WSDip:
WSDip trainees are full-time employees of a WSDip partner company and can expect a stable income, employee benefits and full course fee sponsorship.

At the end of the 2.5 year ITE WSDip programme, WSDip trainees will obtain a nationally-recognised Diploma.

Work-Study Certificate (WSCert):
The part-time WSCert programme offered by polytechnics, will not lead directly to a part-time Diploma.

During the 12 to 18 months WSCert programme, participants who complete the required 3 Modular Certificates will attain a Work-Study Certificate.

Upon completion of the WSCert programme, participants will have to complete 2 more Modular Certificates on their own before obtaining a Part-Time Diploma.

Who are the WSDip partner companies and how are they selected?

These companies are selected based on their ability and commitment to providing quality workplace training and meaningful career development opportunities for our trainees. Partners come from various sectors and include MNCs, SMEs, VWOs and Statutory Boards.

Will WSDip trainees be bonded to their employers? If yes, how long is it?

Most companies do not impose bond periods after the WSDip. If they do, the bond periods vary between 1.5 and 2 years.
Can fresh Nitec/Higher Nitec graduates get deferment from NS to pursue WSDip first?

Yes. Males liable for National Service (NS) will be granted NS deferment if they attain a place in the WSDip programme, regardless of age.

Can Nitec/Higher Nitec students of non-feeder courses apply for WSDip courses that they really like?

Discretionary admission can be considered and is subject to approval. Such cases of admission must be supported by the employer. To ensure that applicants are able to cope with the rigour of the course, ITE will also conduct our assessments on the applicants.

Applicants from non-relevant courses will not be eligible for the SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) sign-on incentive, even if they are within 36 months of graduation or completion of NS.
How will WSDip trainees be assessed in the course?

WSDip trainees will be assessed on their on and off-the-job training performances. Off-the-job component may include in-course assessments and end-of-module written examinations. On-the-job competencies are assessed by company mentors throughout the 2.5-year programme.

Can WSDip graduates apply to local universities and post-diploma programmes?

Upon fulfilling specific admission requirements, WSDip graduates are eligible to apply for:

- **Full-time or Part-time Degree** programmes at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS), Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), and University of the Arts Singapore (UAS).

- **Post-Diploma** programmes at Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP), Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP), Republic Polytechnic (RP), Singapore Polytechnic (SP), and Temasek Polytechnic (TP).
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