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*"An educator can make students believe in themselves and press on in the face of adversity ..."*

### **Why ITE**

At ITE, I can be directly involved in helping students, who are seen to be less academically inclined, but definitely technically competent, to be gainfully employed. Moulding the future generation, to me, is a worthwhile cause, and that is the key reason why I chose ITE after being in my previous employment for 15 years.

ITE staff see and believe in the potential of our students, and are excited to see what they can achieve. This sense of connection to the organisation is important in differentiating ITE from the rest.

### **My Journey**

It's been three fruitful years in ITE. Here, I recognise that while I take ownership of my teaching, the success of the students depends on the collective effort of the entire academic team. ITE has contributed to developing my professional capabilities through many ways, one of which is the 2-month attachment programme at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Canada, to learn and share about teaching pedagogies. On a personal level, ITE Care value has helped me to comprehend that caring is not what you are; rather, it is something that you engage in, something that you do with every interaction so as to build a mutually caring culture.

One of the most wonderful memories that I have is when my ex-student informed me that he has received a full sponsorship from his company to do a full-time diploma programme after he has worked there for a year. This is a testament of our students' potential, that they are highly valued by employers because of the quality education that ITE has provided them.

### **Final Thought**

I thoroughly enjoy working in ITE – it's Immensely Thought-provoking and Engaging. The collegial environment is definitely a bonus!