Valuable experiential learning

Lifelong learning has been an important pursuit for me as I want to self-improve and upgrade all aspects of my career and personal life. In contrast to most conventional universities' approach to education, students at AeU are not pressured to finish their studies within a certain time, providing a stress-free environment where we can have a good work-life balance. As MICTM is fully online, it is a good option for working adults such as me. When I first started, one of the most challenging tasks was to strike a balance between work, family and my personal life. I have learnt how to manage my time more effectively now after two years of study and having the support of AeU's academic and non-academic staff, especially Assoc Prof Dr Roshayu Mohamad, dean of AeU's School of ICT, who has given me the confidence to pursue my studies.

The theories I learnt are relevant and applicable to my work. Learning is interesting as we have constant interactions with the friendly academic facilitators. AeU's Knowledge Management Centre is one of the most comprehensive online libraries with large amounts of invaluable resources with links to other local libraries, which supported my research.

I access both print and online formats from a wide range of invaluable resources with the assistance of AeU's friendly librarians who are always happy to assist students. Students can choose to study fully online or part-time blended modes where classes are only held once a month on weekends.

They can increase their understanding of core subject modules by going to seminars or engaging with online materials on the user-friendly web-based portal learning management system called Personalised Learning Space (myPLS).

myPLS allows me to check my tutorial timetables, related news, announcements and submit my assignments, examination preparations and research projects.

Another competitive advantage of AeU is the quality of its academic facilitators who are not only professionally qualified but also have extensive industry experience. They impart invaluable knowledge to students who can also share their experience with course mates.

Such experiential learning is highly beneficial to students such as me, who can relate to the theories learnt and apply them to our work.

I am glad to have inspired some of my friends who have joined AeU to pursue different fields of study. I hope to inspire more people, especially those who are married with children, to not give up but strive towards lifelong learning to achieve their dreams.

The past two years of studying at AeU and working at the same time have been an enriching experience.”

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