Personal Profile of Joshua Leslie

Hello, my name is Joshua Leslie, but I go by Josh as well. I am currently living in Cole Harbor, Nova Scotia. I am originally from a small community called Spry Bay. I grew up there and went to Lakefront Elementary School from grades Primary to 6. I then went to Duncan MacMillan High School from grades 7 to 12. I graduated there with high honors and was the student with the highest average amongst my classmates. After I graduated in 2012, I moved out to New Glasgow and was planning on going to NSCC to be an auto mechanic. After the first week, I decided the program was not for me and withdrew. I then moved to Dartmouth to find full time work while I decided what to do with my life. I worked for a year or so and decided to go back to school in 2014 at Maritime Business College. I took a 1-year course to become a Veterinarian Assistant. I graduated in 2015 with high honors and began working at the SPCA immediately after a successful work experience with them in the Spring. I worked there for a little over 8 years before being overcome with compassion fatigue and needing a change in my career. I left the SPCA and took a job as a shipping technician for a company called Dominion Biologicals Ltd. I worked there for a year and realized I wanted to go back to school to find a new lifelong career. Which leads to how I am now in the IT Programming course with NSCC.

I decided to take the IT Programming course through NSCC because I knew IT was a great field to get into at this time. There are many job opportunities and different career paths in the IT field. These are just a few of the benefits of this career field. I have always had an interest in technology my whole life. I did not grow up with computers my whole life as I grew up in a family who didn't have a lot of money and not central to have access to computers all the time at libraries. However, once I was older and able to have access to computers, I spent more time learning about them and working with them. I specifically

chose to take this course through the eCampus because it worked better for me with the ability to go to school from the comfort of my home. I don't have to worry about the commute to a campus, and I am able to use all my own equipment (PC, desk, chair, etc.) which makes the learning experience easier.

After I finish this program, I plan on staying in the province and finding a career here. My ideal future, is to own a house, have a great career, and a family I can support with a career that I love! So far through this course I have found myself really enjoying troubleshooting my code and classmate's code. Perhaps I might get a job in quality assurance at first so I can see other peoples code and troubleshoot it and learn from it. Once I build upon my coding skills, perhaps I can choose another career in the IT field. This is the beauty of the IT field; I have many paths to choose from for a career in the IT field. My future is bright and will get brighter thanks to this program and the knowledge I learn from it.