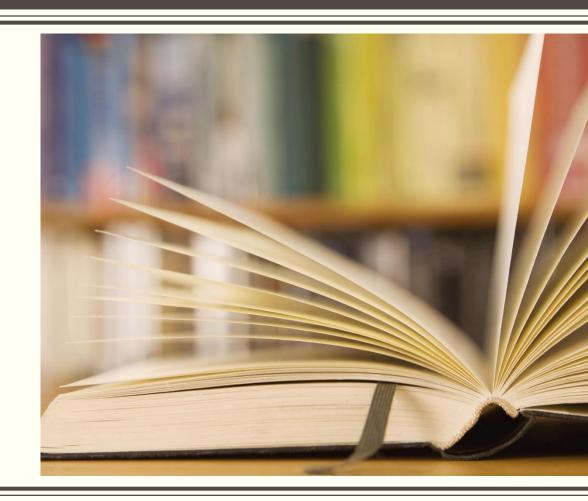
# MEET THE PARENTS (4NA & NT)

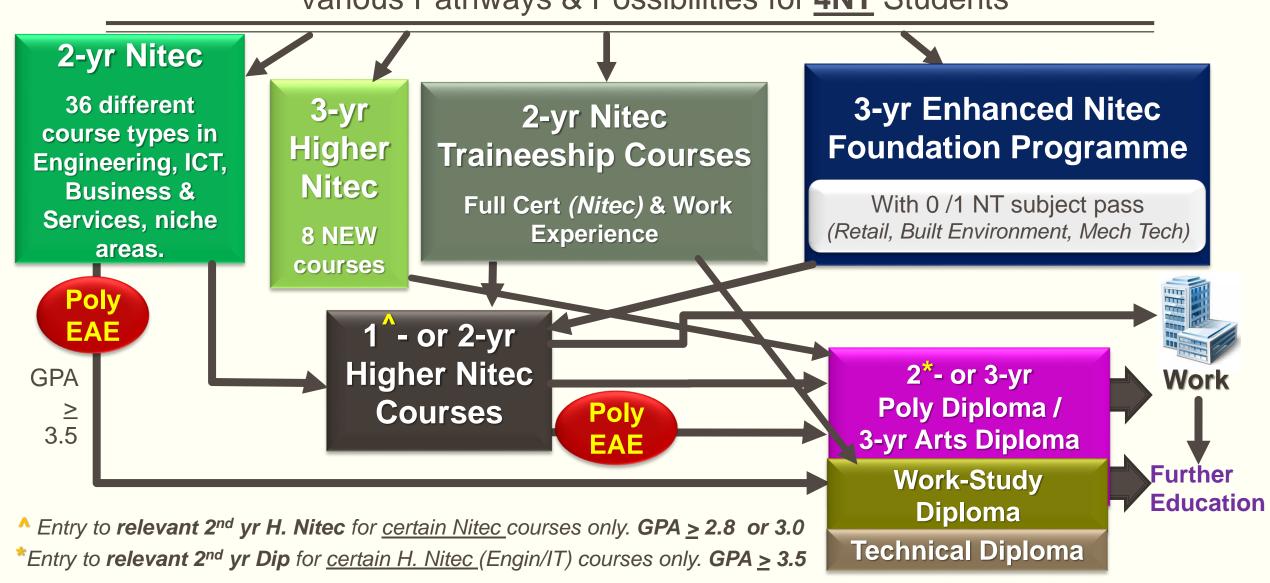
Many Pathways, Multiple Possibilities

By Ms Corinne Tan, Senior ECG Counsellor



### Myth 1: "Not Many Options for NT Students"

Various Pathways & Possibilities for **4NT** Students



Many Pathways for 4NA Students **PFP** DPP Nitec / H. Nitec Sec 5NA NAFA (H. Nitec) / Traineeship (Poly Dip) *ELMAB3* ≤ 15 **ELMAR1B2 ≤ 12 ELMAB3** ≤ 19 **ELMAB3** ≤ 19 Best 4 3-yr H. 2-yr Biz Srvcs Group 1 Sci /Tech Group 2 1 yr O-Levels EL EL EL FI Nitec Nitec - Interview MA MA MA MA - Audition GPA>2.3 3 best 5 3 best 5 Hum. Sci. \*GPA>3.0 - Tests D&T 3 Art Poly - Portfolio 2.5 mths + 2 yrs F&N POA EAE 1\* or 2 **Poly Higher Nitec** or EAE yrs 2 best 3 2 best 3 DSA-**GPA** Nigher JC GPA >2.5; 1 yr NAFA <u>></u>3.5 GPA > 3.0 (Biz Nitec **Foundation** 1 yr Poly & Srvcs) Foundation (Yr 0) Poly \*GPA >3.5 (a few ICT, Engin EAE **JC/MI** or Poly courses) 3 yrs NAFA 3 yrs Poly or ITE Higher

Poly EAE – still must meet subject-specific minimum entry requirements & Poly eligibility (refer to <u>pfp.polytechnic.edu.sq</u> for more information.

**Diploma** 

Nitec / Nitec

2\* or 3 yrs Poly Diploma

**Diploma** 

# Myth 2: The no. of Years You Take to Get a Diploma is Important What Employers Look For

# And it's NOT about the no. of years you take to study or which year you finished your Diploma or your Degree

It's about having the right skills & knowledge for the job.

Firstly, we make sure the candidates we are talking to have the **functional and technical skills required for the position** they are applying for.

- Stephanie Nash, Chief People Officer, RedMart

We prioritise **soft skills** over everything else. Whatever the age of the job candidate, we look for **empathy and strong interpersonal skills** — the ability to understand people in different stages of life.

- Michael Gomez, Head of Career Office

It's about having the right personality for the job and values that suit the company.

"A good working attitude is important....a willingness to learn and the ability to adapt and adjust to constructive criticism. ...showing us at the interview stage that you have enthusiasm and versatility especially since in an environment like ours, technology is evolving all the time. Candidates should be aware of growing developments and trends in the relevant industries."

- Giselle Ng, Manager, Business and Strategy, Straits Dental Group

### Have a Lifelong Perspective to Career & Learning

# At age 20... there are 45 years ahead of you for work & continuing learning So there is no hurry to finish all your education in your lifetime

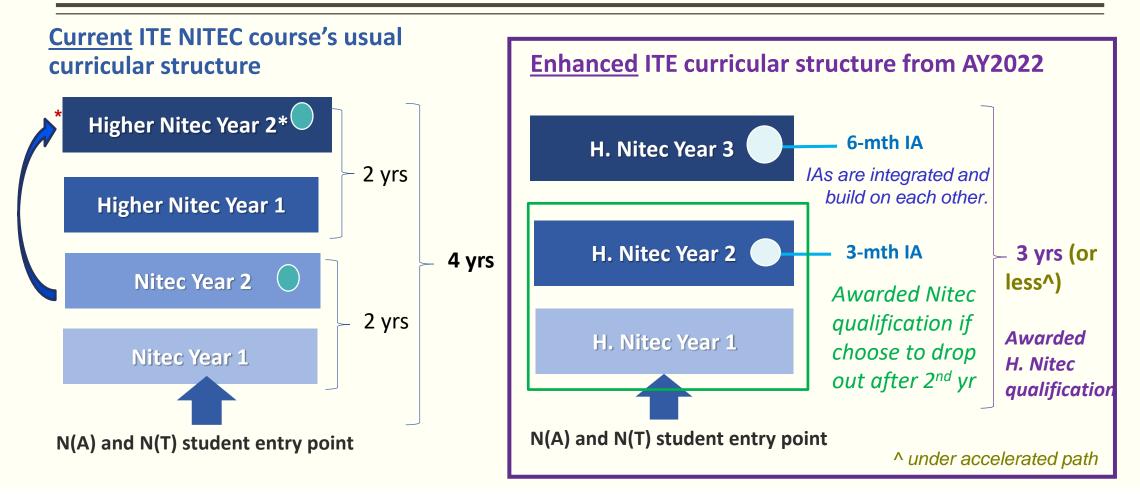
Sequential perspective of career & learning

Study

Lifelong perspective of career & learning

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# The New 3-year Higher Nitec Courses



<sup>\*</sup> In the current ITE curricular structure, **some Nitec courses (e.g. IT / Engin)** can proceed to H. Nitec Yr 2 if meet the entry requirement Industry Attachment (IA) of 3 to 6 months

# Another Option for **4NT/NA**: ITE Early Admissions Exercise (in May)

- Allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to ITE courses <u>before</u> receiving their N-level grades
- Select and admit students based on their <u>aptitudes and interests</u>
- Successful students still must meet subject-specific Minimum Entry Requirements for the course

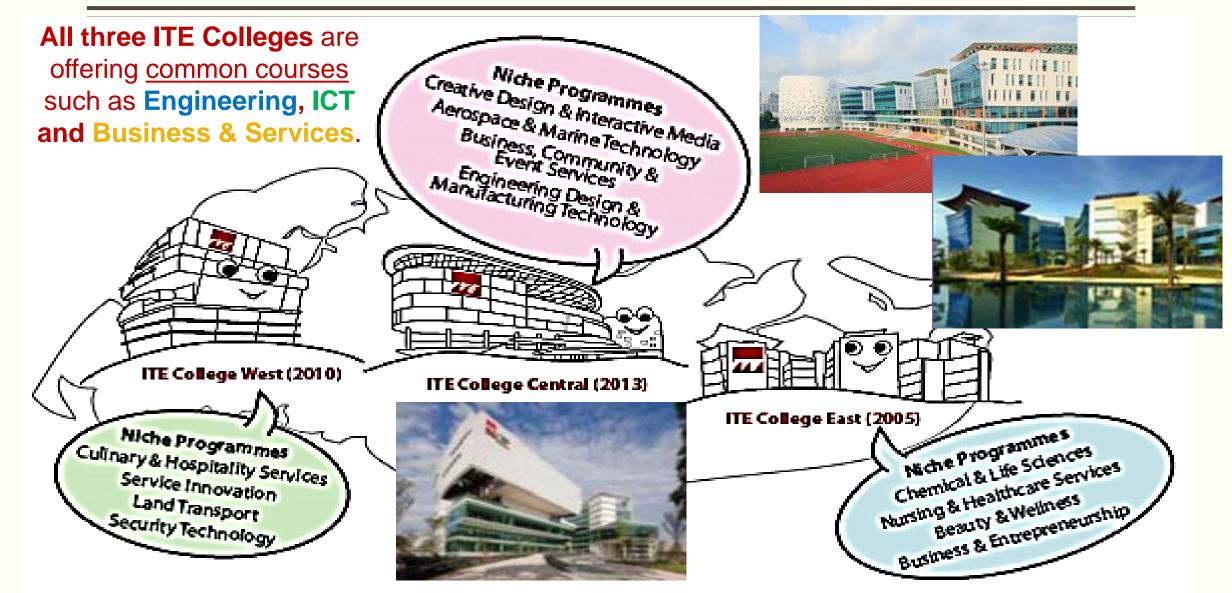
#### Selection process:

- Course Write-ups (100 words) up to 3 choices
- Interviews
- Aptitude test
- Portfolio of related projects, examples.:
  - Participation in relevant MOE Elective Modules. Applied Subjects
  - Participation in work attachments, community/volunteer work, school/personal activities/projects, CCAs and competitions related to the course

Refer to ITE website on EAE: <a href="https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/nitec-and-3-year-higher-nitec/early-admissions-exercise">https://www.ite.edu.sg/admissions/full-time-courses/nitec-and-3-year-higher-nitec/early-admissions-exercise</a>

### Myth 3: "Going to ITE is a Waste of Time"

Applied Learning Has Evolved Over the Years



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State-of-the-art Facilities | Better transition to Poly | Scholarship Opportunities



Robots at School of Engineering



Different models of airplanes at Aerospace



Full studio facility at School of Design & Media



Robotic mannequin patients at School of Health Sciences



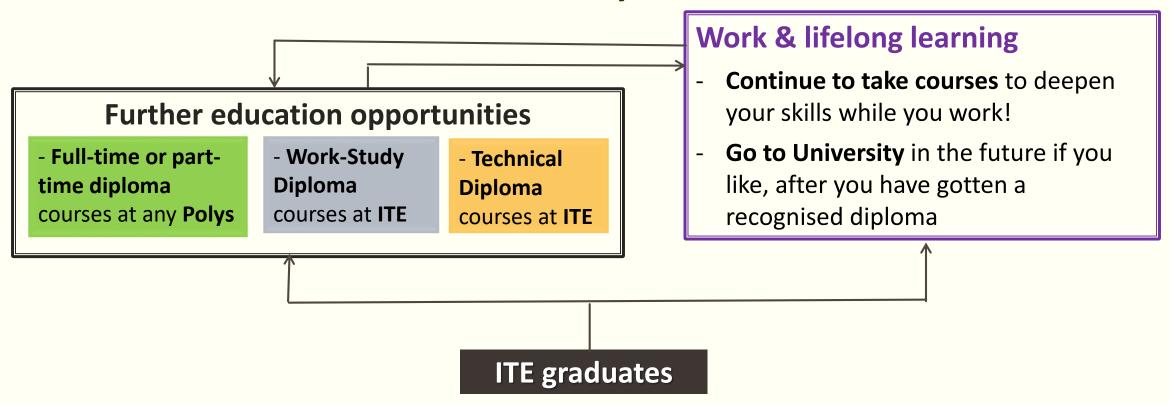
Full industrial kitchen facility at School of Hospitality



Different vehicles, including Smart cars in Automotive Tech

### Where Do I Go After ITE

# ITE graduates can enter the workforce, or upgrade their studies in Polys or ITE



### Write Your Own Success Story

#### Andy Pang Teng Seng

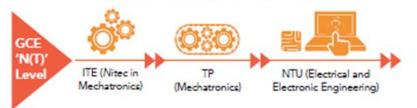
Grades were never a priority for Andy during his primary school days. Although he was channelled to the 'N(T)' stream, he slowly began to enjoy learning. This new-found joy propelled him to graduate as the top student for GCE 'N(T)' Level in his secondary school. He subsequently completed Nitec in Mechatronics with an impressive Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.98. That set his path towards a Diploma in Mechatronics at TP.



As applied learning was his forte, Andy grew in confidence as he shared his knowledge by tutoring his peers and juniors who faced difficulties in school. Andy's performance improved steadily and his final year project won the merit award at the TP Engineering Roadshow.

Upon completion of his National Service (NS), Andy proceeded to pursue the same field through a degree in Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and eventually attained a Degree with Honours in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

#### Andy's Education and Career Pathway





#### Brandon Chia

Unbeaten by his dyslexic condition, Brandon worked hard and overcame his challenges to achieve many goals. He was enrolled in the Nitec in Nursing course after completing his GCE 'N(T)' examination. Brandon was the recipient of many awards including the prestigious ITE College East Top Graduate Award and the Lee Hsien Loong Award for Outstanding All-Round Achievement. He was an inspiration to his peers and other ITE students.

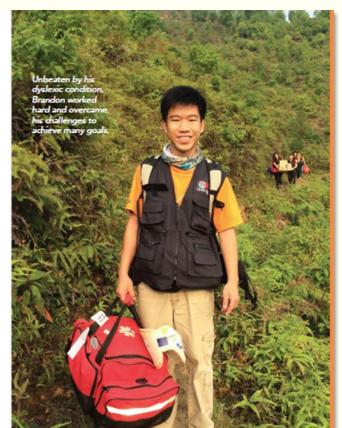


Brandon subsequently pursued his Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing) at NP. He continued to excel and emerged the top nursing graduate in his cohort in 2015. He was also awarded the SingHealth Gold Medal and Prize 2015, National University Hospital Prize 2015 and Tan Tock Seng Hospital Prize 2015.

Brandon is currently working part-time while waiting for his NS enlistment. The National University of Singapore (NUS) has offered him a place to do a Degree in Nursing. Besides his academic achievements, Brandon is passionate about volunteering in Disaster Nursing Management for overseas support. It is his way of actively giving back to society.

#### Brandon's Education and Career Pathway

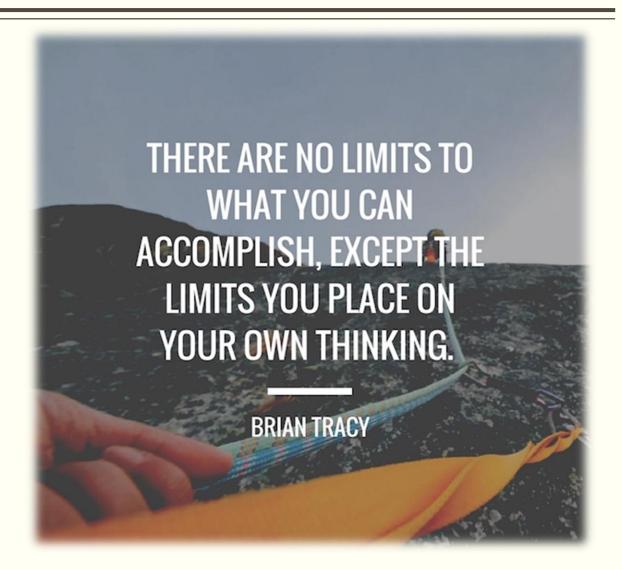




# It's an Exciting Year of Learning Greater Responsibility

#### Partnership with your child:

- To believe in them and to affirm them as they work towards their goals
- To encourage them to explore their interests & strengths
- To keep an open mind about courses that they may not have thought of taking



# Every Tuesday | 8.15 am to 5.15pm @ Level 3 Counselling Office

\*Zoom session is available for non-Tuesday

# QUESTIONS?

**Thank You!** 

Online Appointment Booking form:

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