Southern New Hampshire University

CS-499-T4251 Computer Science Capstone

* 1. Journal: Self-Introduction

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I enrolled for my Computer Science degree in October of 2018, my goal was to be able to complete all the required courses in four years, so I have been working hard, I only took a single term off, I am happy to say I should be done with my courses in October 2023. The program has been incredibly challenging for a wide number of reasons, including time management, learning, and understanding the different subjects every two months have kept me in my toes, and taught me to learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable. With every new course, a new challenge arises, it felt like I was missing something, as I was not following what a lot of the courses were referring to in the first few weeks, and that taught me how to research different topics and take charge of my own learning, by diversifying my resources and being open minded about problem solving.

I am currently employed as a Technical Service Engineer at a security camera manufacturer, which is somewhat related to a computer science degree, but not very relevant with wit software development at all. Before I started school, I traced goals for the upcoming years that would lead me to eventually being able to pursue a career as a Software Engineer, I was working in the construction industry, that seemed very distant from my ultimate professional goals. Four years have gone by, and I am happy to say that I have been able to accomplish the steps I have set out to myself, with the approaching completion of my degree, a new opportunity presented itself at a different department at the company that currently employs me, a brand-new Junior development position with our in-house development team with a very diverse job description. I have applied for it and started the interviewing process, given my three and half years with the company, proven ability to learn, grow, and adapt to more technically inclined positions within the Technical Service department, I believe I have a good chance of landing the Junior development position even though my programming experience is nearly non-existent, and it doesn’t go beyond the courses I have completed at Southern New Hampshire University. Even if my attempt of securing this new position ends up falling out, I will use it as learning steppingstones and will have a better idea what to be expected from future interviews. The job position is perfectly aligned with my Software Engineering specialization and would provide me the opportunity to build on creating secure applications to our clients.