



Dear Graduating Students of 2020,
As you prepare for the upcoming National Examinations, keep well, stay focused and know that you are not alone in this journey. Arm yourself with knowledge of the education and career landscape so that you can make informed decisions, navigate with confidence and be empowered for your journey ahead.



Every challenge brings opportunity. Stay the course, try to learn and better ourselves. Invest in yourself - You'll be surprised where it takes you.

1. The Futurist Webinar - Thriving Amidst Challenges

The first of our webinar series, featuring Google Singapore, was very well-received by students. Googlers shared about their career journeys; how the company adapted to the New Normal, and what kind of skills are needed to thrive in this fast-changing and complex environment. This insightful recorded session is coming your way. Find out more from your ECG Counsellor!

Goh Wiwi, Chief of Staff (Next Billion Users and Payments), Google Singapore

In our ever-changing world, we must adapt and keep learning new skills. We may not always be able to plan for everything. But that's okay.

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2. Know the Education Landscape

✓ Opportunities for all

Muhammad Raziq Azman, 20, studied N(T) Mathematics and had no background in Physics. But that did not stop him from pursuing an Engineering diploma and clinching a scholarship. Know that there are multiple education pathways to meet your aspirations. Every pathway leads to opportunities for continuous learning and recognition.

You can read more about Raziq's unwavering determination. <https://go.gov.sg/raziq>

Continuously evolving to prepare you for the future

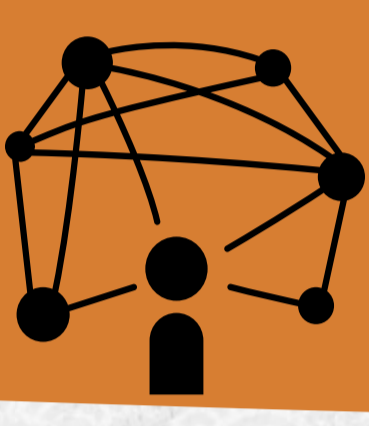
- All five polytechnics offer Common Entry Programmes (CEPs) in Business, ICT and Engineering and Republic Polytechnic offers one in Science as well. The CEPs provide students broader exposure to different fields within the sector, before they decide on one that suits their interests and strengths. <https://go.gov.sg/polys-cep>
- From 2021, NUS will be offering 10 cross-disciplinary degree programmes so that students can develop specialist knowledge with flexibility to explore other interests. <https://go.gov.sg/nus1>
- ITE plans to increase its SkillsFuture Work-Study Diplomas from the current 24 to 40 by 2025. <https://go.gov.sg/ite1>



What do these changes mean for you?

It means that your learning is no longer confined to a particular subject or discipline. Instead, you will have :

- Flexibility**
You can explore other interests.
- Progression**
You will have greater career progression and mobility.



- Versatility**
You will develop and master a broader set of skills.
- Adaptability**
You will be better equipped to tackle the demands of a fast-changing world.

"Learning is for life, and you don't have to have one path or course in university, poly or ITE...what is very important is whatever you learn must form your human capital, your personal skills base and you keep on adding to it." ~Mr Ong Ye Kung, Former Education Minister

Hope. Resilience. Adaptability. Growth Mindset.

3. Know the Industry Landscape

Jobs may be at stake as the Covid-19 pandemic is affecting economies worldwide. But in Singapore, opportunities are still available in these industries.

According to a recent Jobstreet.com survey, here are the top 10 industries that are still actively hiring amid the pandemic.

"When one door closes, another opens."

Top 10 Growing industries

Click on the industry name to find out more:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Finance & Banking
- Government (Public Sector)
- Computing & IT
- Security & Law Enforcement

- Transportation & Logistics
- Construction, Building & Engineering
- Manufacturing & Production
- Insurance

Importance of Skills

Skills are becoming increasingly important in today's world of work. Having key skills such as adaptability, effective communication and teamwork can help us thrive in our careers.

Interested to know more about the top 10 skills in demand by employers? [Click here](#)

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4. Explore ECG Resources

Here are some useful resources you can tap on to enhance your personal growth.

The MySkillsFuture Portal empowers you to discover your career interests, explore education and career pathways and make informed decisions. Take charge of your future! Start exploring today at :

- www.myskillsfuture.sg/secondary
- www.myskillsfuture.sg/preuniversity

Starting a career is a big milestone in life. Prepare for career readiness with a toolkit of resources at www.gradgowhere.sg

Log on to Student Learning Space (SLS) and find inspiration from these lessons specially crafted for you.

[Navigating the Dynamic Future with Confidence](#)

Learn how having a growth mindset will help you thrive and succeed and prepare you for your future. <https://go.gov.sg/confidence>

[Staying Resilient and Adaptable in your Education and Career Guidance Journey](#)

"Tough times don't last. Tough people do." Being resilient helps you seek new opportunities and possibilities. <https://go.gov.sg/resilient>

Stories of Hope, Resilience and Adaptability

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected each of us and thrown us into unexpected challenges. Watch how a young Singaporean rose above her circumstances and how another stepped up to help others in need. Be inspired by their stories of hope and resilience.

Expectations from society, anticipation from family and anxiety from oneself. Find out how graduating student Lisa demonstrated resilience and determination to find a job in the face of adversity. <https://go.gov.sg/from-support-to-success>

Recent graduate, Sudesna, built a translation website overnight to enable doctors to communicate with migrant workers affected by Covid-19. Find out how this youth saw an urgent need and came up with a solution to help and provide hope to others. <https://go.gov.sg/sudesna>

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5. Chat with your ECG Counsellor

Are you wondering about what your next step after graduation is?

Worried you are graduating in a difficult period?

Concerned that you may not be able to get a course of your choice?

Unsure about your strengths, interests and what you can look forward to?

If you are thinking about all these and more, do speak to your teachers or ECG Counsellor.

You will gain clarity, valuable advice, guidance and focus for the road ahead.

Many of your peers and seniors have benefitted from consulting their ECG Counsellors and here's what some of them have said.

"You've helped me organise my thoughts to see the bigger picture and helped me make a decision."

"I came in thinking my life was over after the N levels, but now I have a pathway."

"Thank you for helping me understand my strengths and interests, so I can make a better decision for next year."

If you have not spoken to your ECG Counsellor, schedule a session today!

"I do not want to have any excuses not to do my best. When I look back, I am very proud that I braved the storm." ~Angel

Writing My Success Story

The odds were against her. Yet Angel Ng, through resilience and hard work, overcame her challenges and emerged stronger. Be inspired by her story of triumph. You too can write your success story!

Read how Angel Ng, 21, put herself through school after her father left the family. The polytechnic student graduated with flying colours despite juggling her studies and part-time work. <https://go.gov.sg/angel>

Wishing you the very best in your upcoming exams and your education and career journey!