

Second Career – Second Chance!

Thanks to Ontario's MTCU Second Career Strategy and Willis College.

"I have been a native of Smiths Falls since I was eight years old. At the age of 14 I started working for Wills Transfer in the warehouse, eventually working my way up to becoming a truck driver for Wills. From there I became a Transport Driver Instructor for Transport Training Centres of Canada.

I was eventually laid off and wondered what am I going to do now. I knew that I wanted to do something that I really enjoyed and I came to the conclusion that it was with computers. I was always playing with my computer at home, figuring out how to troubleshoot problems. I started my research looking at the Private Career Colleges and the Community Colleges and who offered Microsoft Certification. This led me to Willis College. Willis is the only college that offers certification as part of their program.



I was very fortunate to qualify for Second Career funding from the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities where I was given the chance to start my new career in IT. **Thanks MTCU Second Career Strategy!**

To date, I have achieved all my goals graduating from one of the best private career colleges, earning a well respected diploma in Network Systems Engineer and becoming Industry Certified by vendors like CompTIA and Microsoft. **Thanks Willis College!**

Since graduating, I relished the opportunity to take the position as a Network Administrator with Willis College, Smiths Falls Campus here in my home town, Smiths Falls.

Even more dear to me is that I am from Smiths Falls and recently this town has been devastated by many closures of some of the largest employers. Willis College has responded to this small community of ours by opening up a campus to help address the retraining of many laid off workers. This brings new hope to our town of Smiths Falls and I having this opportunity to come back and help contribute is absolutely fantastic and gratifying personally. I will be able to tell students taking programs here about my success and how if you study hard and stay focus good things can happen to anyone, take a look at me!

I will be forever grateful to Willis College in helping me to achieve my goals that I set over a year ago to start my second career with the assistance of the Second Career Program sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities".

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