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What did you gain from your Higher National?

The BTEC HND provided me with the platform and opportunity to launch my career after my Advanced Levels in Sri Lanka. The completed HND in Telecommunication at SLT was recognised as a 2 years equivalent study at the University of Hertfordshire, where I was able to enrol as a **Bachelor of Engineering final year student** in Digital Communication Engineering.

What are the key skills your Higher National taught you?

It helped me to enhance my technical knowledge and develop new skills required by the industry. With the help of activities involving collaboration and presentations, I was able to **develop key skills that are essential for an engineering career.**

How have these skills made a difference in your career?

Most of the skills that I developed during my BTEC HND programme, such as interpersonal skills and public speaking have **definitely made a significant difference to my career development.** It helped me identify my strengths and weaknesses, and boosted my confidence.

What does your current role involve?

I am currently working as a **Senior Solutions Engineer** for a Satellite Operator called Intelsat based in the UK. My current role involves developing new satellite solutions as per the market requirement, provide technical design support for the sales team, supervise and implement the satellite solution and provide consultancy for solution

requirements. **Intelsat is the largest provider of fixed satellite services worldwide.** They enable providers of media, telecom and government services to deliver information and entertainment to people at home, in the office or on the move worldwide. I started my career in 2013 in the satellite industry and up till now, what I learned during my HND has been very helpful.

What are your future plans?

Obtain a MBA and move my career towards an engineering management role.

Do you have any career tips or advice for current or prospective Higher National students?

Do what you love. Don't get forced to select a field of study. Follow your passion and you will reach the right destination.

I am very thankful for the opportunity provided by SLT and Pearson BTEC during the initial part of my career and I am very happy with where I am now. Without the help of excellent staff and facilities at SLT, I wouldn't have reached this place. **I am glad that I selected the right path.**