



# TOE WAI LINN

## Pearson BTEC Level 4 HND in Construction

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SCHOOL / CENTRE NAME:

**California Unitec (Institute of Engineering)**



COUNTRY WHERE STUDIED:

**MYANMAR**



### Why did you choose to enrol in your BTEC qualification?

I have chosen BTEC HND in Construction and the Built Environment in Civil Engineering because it is a qualification recognised by many institutions and companies around the world. Moreover, BTEC permits me to carry out a number of units by assignment and I can demonstrate evidence based on my learning, research, experiments, training and real-life experience. Therefore, I can prove my skills and knowledge through practical learning.

### What experience and knowledge have you gained as a result of studying your BTEC qualification?

The BTEC HND course is a combination of vocational and work-based learning. This course provides the academic classroom learning with vocational coursework that joins in-classroom experiences with industry-related opportunities. For example, in our California Unitec, our teachers organise project managers and owners to visit their construction sites to get real world experience for us. In addition, our teachers collaborate with construction companies to provide internship programs for us.

Throughout our studies, we have learned the modern construction systems and methods on site including the top-down construction system, bored pile system, secant piling system, contiguous piling system, press-pile system, post-tensioning system, deep excavation system, basement construction, ground stabilization activities, drainage works, automatic formwork system, construction planning, the construction process, application of plant and machinery, health and safety, construction management and application of project management. Therefore, we gain a lot of skills, knowledge and experiences through the BTEC programme, before we even enter the workplace.

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### Tell us about what you are doing now and how you feel your BTEC helped you get there?

I am currently working as an assistant site engineer at one of the largest construction companies in Myanmar. I am also planning to continue my studies to get my B.E (Civil) degree. The BTEC course harmonises my hands-on experiences with academic improvement. The course provides both social and academic benefits for me. It links what I have learnt in our California Unitec (Institute of Engineering) to the skills and knowledge needed for a real-world career. I can apply my classroom knowledge to real-world problems. Therefore, once I have completed the course, I am ready to go in to the construction industry straightaway.

### Would you recommend taking a BTEC to others? If you would, why would you?

I strongly recommend BTEC to others as it is accepted by many universities and companies all over the world. It is assignment based and all the Civil Engineering units are specially designed for the construction industry and these units are very helpful when working on site, such as application of project management on site, structural analysis, surveying, civil engineering technology, etc. This knowledge built within the classroom can not only be applied on site but can also be used to progress into further studies.

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