

# MY ICCE JOURNEY

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The path chosen by my parents for my education was well-off the beaten track. In the highly advanced and prosperous country of Singapore, certification is of utmost importance. The Compulsory Education Act, which went into effect in 1996, ensured every Singaporean child must attend a government school from ages 7-12, to learn to read and write. I was the first batch of Singaporeans to be under this new ruling.



My parents applied to be exempted from the Compulsory Education Act, and thankfully they were able to obtain the exemption. I was homeschooled on the ACE programme all the way until high school, and I obtained the ICCE Advanced Certificate in the year 2013, graduating at age 16. The ICCE track of certification ensured structure for my high school, and great self-discipline was needed for me to succeed. Thankfully, by God's grace, I was able to finish my course with joy!

The ICCE board in England was very helpful in my university application. Having been initially rejected by both the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University because of my lack of SATs and a misunderstanding of the ICCE certification, Mr. Boulton was very willing to help with the appeal and Ms. Ivanna Gray was very responsive during our email correspondence. God moved the universities to show that Christian education was His way, and on appeal, I was accepted for direct admission to both NUS (Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Asia) and NTU (Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world among universities under 50 years old). I have since accepted a place at NUS to study in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and due to matriculate in the year 2016 as I have to complete a mandatory 2 years of National Service that every 18 year-old male Singaporean has to go through. The ICCE certificate has put me in good stead to succeed in institutes of higher education, as well as grounding me firmly in the Word of God to share His love with others.

This past year (2014), while waiting to enlist for National Service, I have spent time from February to December working at Heritage Learning Center, an ACE school in Singapore. I started work there as a monitor in February, and upon obtaining my ACE Supervisor and Administrator certificates in June, began to take on the role of a supervisor, allowing me to touch the lives of students and influence them for God's glory. I also attended the recent Student Convention in Malaysia with my learning center, and volunteered there as part of the 24/7 squad.

I am an active member of Ambassador Baptist Church Singapore, and currently function as a children's ministry worker, preparing curriculum materials for Vacation Bible Schools, teaching Sunday School, and doing Bible study with neighborhood children. I am greatly burdened for Christian education and pray that God will use me somehow to be an influence for His glory.