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DIPLOMA IN BANKING (DIB) PROGRAMME GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT TESTIMONIAL



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I started my Banking career on an apprenticeship program that one of the Commercial Banks offer for students leaving secondary school. At the end of this program I remained in the Banking and Finance industry and worked at a few different financial institutions during which time I completed some studies in the area of business. Then after some careful advice from a mentor and also me doing some self-reflection, it dawned on me. Why don't you sign up for the Dip. Bkg. program, which is locally offered, relatively affordable and also would allow me to gain specialist skills in the area that I needed most. I initially started the program while I held the position of Leasing Officer and completed the certificate level within a year. I was about to commence the second level, when I found out that my family was growing given my spouse was pregnant.

This obviously curtailed me from starting the second level and over the course of the next few years I did not complete any further modules within the program. Then after a few years I got an opportunity and was promoted to Supervisor. At this time I realized, if I ever wanted to make the leap from Supervisory to Management level, I would have to complete the program and hence I recommenced. Given my family commitments I decided to move at a slow pace and the program does allow for that which is good for people who have other commitments in their lives. The program really helped me keep on the top of my game as it specifically relates to Banking and Finance. I was able to use a lot of the learnings in my day to day activities and this was being positively noticed by Senior Management. I was then promoted two (2) times over the course of a three (3) year period, with the latter promotion being a management role. I personally believe that while hard work and dedication to the job played a major role in my progression, it would have not been possible, without the learnings from the Dip Bkg program. I would recommend the program to any young banker looking to build a solid foundation upon which a long term career in the field of Banking and Finance can be achieved.