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I am Polly Ho now doing a Bachelor of Design (Communication Design) offered by the Community College of City University (CCCU) in collaboration with Swinburne University of Technology. In the past 2 years at CCCU, I have learnt a lot of practical skills and acquired invaluable knowledge in the various aspects of design.

In the DVD programme, there are many different students from very different backgrounds. At the beginning, it was hard for me to communicate with them. But at the same time, I realized that they provided me with very good opportunities to learn about life and improve my communication skills. Not only were the people different, I was also amazed to find out that the structure of the programme was pretty different from other academic programmes. All courses are project-based with continuous assessment and no regular examinations. We also had to form groups and work cooperatively with other students to meet our goal. From that kind of learning, I have learnt that communication skills are very important; which is something that I have learnt in the programme apart from my design skills, and has helped me a lot in adapting to the real world.

The programme has provided me with good learning experience, and I have acquired a lot in the past two years. I have to say that all my lecturers are quite good and helpful, and they have provided me always with very useful comments. I am deeply thankful to all the lecturers of the programme as they have really done a great job guiding me every step of the way. The opportunity to learn without pressure and being given the chance to find my own way and improve my communication skills, are all so invaluable in helping me to become a successful communication designer.