

Peng Kee Yuan Gelfrid

**Higher Nitec in
Nursing**

ITE College East



ITE Lee Kuan Yew

Model Student Award

Embracing a Second Chance

After his O-Levels in 2014, Gelfrid pursued *Higher Nitec* in Shipping Operations at ITE before serving National Service. Struggling to find full-time work after NS, he resolved to build a better future. In 2020, during the COVID-19 crisis, he joined the Health Promotion Board as a frontline swabber, later securing a role as Patient Service Associate at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. His dedication earned him hospital sponsorship for a *Higher Nitec* in Nursing, which he embraced with renewed focus.

Now 28, Gelfrid excels with a perfect GPA of 4.0, leads as President of the Rotaract Club, and contributes to award-winning healthcare innovations. His journey of resilience and transformation makes him a truly inspiring honouree.

From the Heart

"Tough times do not last - only tough people do. This quote has stayed with me since my army days. To me, true success is not just about winning; it is about having the resilience to rise after every setback and the determination to keep moving forward. Over the years, I have faced many difficult moments, including the loss of my father, but each time I found a way to push through. Looking back, I realise these experiences have shaped me into a stronger, more resilient and determined person."

Life after ITE

Now in the third year of his three-year *Higher Nitec* course, Gelfrid aspires to progress to a diploma and eventually a degree, with the goal of becoming an Advanced Practice Nurse.

Top Achievements

- Gelfrid contributed to innovative projects such as 'Bedside Buddy', a smart assistive bedside table showcased at the i-CREAtE Student Innovation Challenge 2024, and the award-winning 'GripAssist' (Lee Kuan Yew Technology Award 2026), a portable device that helps the elderly in moving safely from a lying to a sitting position.
- He also led a 25-member team to develop an anti-scam project which was showcased at the International Student Seminar 2024, held in Hong Kong.
- Gelfrid strengthened inter-campus and external partnerships as President of the Rotaract Club, and led large-scale collaborations and events, such as the Joint Installation Ceremony across the three ITE Colleges.
- He demonstrated strong commitment to community service through multiple impactful initiatives. At Children's Carnival Day, organised with ITE College Central, SINDA and MINDSville@Napiri, he oversaw the planning and management to ensure a well-executed event. He actively supported mental health advocacy through initiatives like WalkForClarity and volunteered weekly at the Riding for the Disabled Association of Singapore, assisting children with diverse needs.

