



# Harsimran's Story

## A University Partner Success Story

### Why did you choose to pursue your studies with UP Education online?

When the coronavirus became an international pandemic, we had to stay home and isolate which meant we could not physically go to our classes. However, Charles Darwin International College was quick to respond and my studies continued through online delivery. My professors and my classmates are a click away and I did not feel any less engaged in my studies. I am enjoying studying online as it helps me balance both my academic and personal life.

### How are you finding the learning experience with your teachers in the online environment?

The teachers are extremely helpful and often go above and beyond in helping me understand and pass the assignments. Our tutors also communicate with us on a one-to-one basis so that we feel fully supported and progress well during the course – just as we would in class. They also provide my parents and me with regular feedback, in my language if necessary. The teacher support has given me confidence, reassurance, and motivation to continue with my goals.

### Can you describe your everyday schedule for us?

I normally start my day off with a jog around my neighbourhood before my classes. Then at the start of each week, I take part in a session where key learning tasks for the week are discussed. During the week, my teacher will go over content in more depth with us. I will then engage in live classes, recorded videos, interactive learning activities and English practice assessments.

### What systems/applications do you use every day? Are they easy to use?

Blackboard is the primary teaching resource where my pre-recorded lessons can be found (they call this flipped learning – they tell you what you're going to learn before the class so that you can fully prepare and discuss the concepts the teachers are presenting and any questions you may have in class. UP Education has been using this proven, highly effective approach for more than 5 years on campus) which made the transition from campus to online super easy for me.

### What are the benefits that you noticed about studying online?

I have more time on my hands as I do not have to consider the travel time, making my lunch ahead and getting dressed up. The courses are available right at home and I have more time to revise my notes and ask the teacher follow up questions. The online classes also allow me to be more flexible with work which is ideal for students who work part-time. I am also saving more money as I am eating more at home and spending less on fuel and bus fares.

## Student Profile

### STUDENT NAME

Harsimran Seyal

### NATIONALITY

Indian

### PROGRAMME

Charles Darwin University Master Qualifying Programme online with UP Education

*"I always wanted to study in an English-speaking country and after doing extensive research online, through local agents and the advice received from family and friends, the ideal choice for me was studying with Charles Darwin International College."*