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In September 2008, I commenced studying the one thing I have always wanted to learn about the most, Meteorology. Although I took quite a long path to get to that point, I have not look back since and can't believe it took me so long to actually start to study again. Although it was difficult returning to an academic environment, it has been perhaps the best decision I have made, and now one year later I am working and training as a Meteorologist. It was worth every bit of hard work.

Returning to study was quite difficult, and having just a maths background, and not physics or engineering, was pretty tough. I needed to do a lot of extra work to catch up. I was very fortunate to have had some amazing tutors and lecturers and all I needed to do was ask for help, and it was readily available. I think that was the key to enjoying my course, and coming out with some great marks was - ask.. .and ask and ask... for help!

Its difficult to describe exactly how much you learn, but it is not really until the end of each semester that your realise the quantity of information you have taken in. The course is designed to build on each subject, and is actually probably one of the few courses where every aspect of what you have learned is put into practice in the work environment. I remember back to some lectures wondering would I ever make use of any of the information, but I actual do and on a daily basis.

My new job is very busy, but I love it. I have basically been building on information from the course and there is still plenty more to learn! Every day is a challenge, because every day the weather is different, and every day you have to interpret the best you can the information you are supplied with, package it out to people in a way that is useful and more importantly, they will understand and can utilise for their own benefit. It's great to have found a job I like going into everyday, and will hopefully be doing it for a long time to come.

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