

Nisha aims to learn basic computer skills

Mother of four Nazia Edleen Nisha always wanted to enhance her computer knowledge and skills but found it challenging to undertake studies, juggle her family and work commitments.

After much thought the thirty-six-year-old enrolled for the Certificate of Attainment in Essentials of Computing offered by the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC).

Nisha will undertake the two-week programme at NTPC's Lautoka Centre.



According to Nisha many mature students tend to shy away from pursuing further studies because they lack confidence and determination. She said there's a need to break this cycle and women especially mothers should be encouraged to go back to school to further their education and in the process upgrade their qualification.

"There are multiple reasons why people choose to go back to school and enrol into study programmes or tackle a new one, but having children at times can make that choice harder," she said.

"I am lucky because the decision for me to go back to school was supported by my employers Damodar Cinemas - Village Four Cinemas. I leave home to attend classes in the morning and then report to work in the evening."

"My husband and children are very supportive of my decision. As mothers it's not always easy but we have to find a balance."

Nisha said she was excited about undertaking the Certificate programme. The training covers basics of three common office applications - Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

"I am probably the oldest in the class of 15, a lot of them being school leavers who are my children's age but I would not want to change anything about this," she said.

"For some mothers, the motivation is simple: They want to build a better, more financially stable environment for our children to grow up in. My husband is a carpenter so I am doing whatever I can to help our family."