

## Transcript



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*[Inspirational music up]*

My name is Wendy Liu. I'm from Shijiazhuang, Hebei province, China.

I'm a civil engineer with TTW, Taylor Thomson Whitting based in Melbourne. So when I was young, I always had the one dream that I want to build a house by myself or design a house by myself one day. That's why when I was high school, I was quite interested to get into an architecture degree or Bachelor of Architecture. But then I realised that it took a bit longer than I expected, and I got a chance in China to do a short term in engineering, and I got a taste of engineering, and I realised that's something I'm really passionate about and that really want to get into.

And then I heard, in Australia, it's more than welcome for women to join the engineering industry, and it's easier for women to get a job, so I decided to do Civil Engineering in Swinburne.

There are two reasons why I chose Swinburne.

First one was, I heard Swinburne is very well known for engineering degrees and it's good at practical (learning). And the second reason was, I was more interested, in improving my employment opportunities rather than getting into a higher ranked university. In my third year, I had opportunity to start a 12 month placement with Bass Coast Shire Council as a student engineer.

During my 12 month placement. I was doing surveying and I did an intersection design and while it was supposed to be only a 12 months placement, I got extended to the end of my degree. So by the end of my degree I had almost three years real work experience, and so after my graduation, Bass Coast Shire Council offered me a job as a design engineer.

Many people in the engineering industry believe that Swinburne students or Swinburne graduates are more practical. And quite a few of my colleagues are Swinburne graduates as well.

My current role is a civil engineer at Taylor Thomas in Whitting. I really enjoy my current role a lot. I think it's more because the people I work with, we are all young, energetic and passionate about civil engineering and we can share our knowledge. And so far I've been with Taylor Thomas Whitting for almost two months. I've done a skate park, playground, footpath, shopping centre, and now I'm doing a temporary work project for North East Link.

My tips for international students would be try to make a lot of friends. Friends from Australia, locals or people from other countries be more accepting and understand different cultures.

And then the second one would be to try to do part time jobs while you're studying. That will help you to understand the Australian culture a little bit better. Swinburne is a next gen university because it gives many practical opportunities to its students.

What's next for me? I'd like to become a senior engineer and continue working in Australia, even move to other states in the future.

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