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The next step in your path to your career following college is the transition to the professional working field. Before this transition takes place, a four year journey of hard work and dedication must take place first. Learning more about your interests or desired career path is what college is designed to do, testing the waters and deciding what career path best interests you and building a strong network heading into the professional field that relates to your desired career choice.

The degree program I am enrolled in at New York City College of Technology is a four year Communication Design bachelor program under the graphic design module. This program is suitable for everyone who has a great interest in expressing their creativity through a wide variety of mediums. I chose to enroll in this program because communication with our peers is vital to the way we live. Without communication we would have misstatements, so as communication designers, we get to create different ways to express thoughts, emotions, facts, statements and sentiments.

Upon entering the program, you will be taking all the basic level art classes, learning the basics of typography, color theory, and design concepts. The difficulty of the classes, work and projects slowly increase as progress is made in the program. The program offers a wide variety of communication design classes, such as illustration, typography, advertising, photography, packaging design, print production and many more. The program requires all students to take the same design classes for the first two years. Those first two years, the student is offered a variety of classes that are different branches in the communication design field, those classes can attribute to the student's decision to pursue the desired path or module in the communication design field. After the first two years, the student has the opportunity to choose a module of their interest or choose to receive and graduate with the associate's degree. Choosing any one of those modules will guide the student along and go more in depth with their selection. For example, if a student were to select the graphic design module, the student would be engaged in classes that have a heavy emphasis on improving and learning more about the aspect of graphic design.

The result from taking part in this program is very rewarding. The network that you build will provide you with possible employment and opportunities after graduation. Professional insight into the field of communication design helps give the student the demands, requirements and attitude they need to succeed in the industry. This program is also provides beginners or those who

need a place to start their communication design path. For me it did that, I came into the program with little knowledge of design. Upon completing projects and classes, my knowledge was expanding exponentially. I believe I am know more prepared than ever to go into the professional working field with the knowledge I gained from this program.

In the end, this program has been an experience unlike anything I have participated in before. It is the stepping stone in the right direction that we need and from here, the choices in your career path will be decided with the knowledge that you have gained here.