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Anne Chard	2006/07	Regarding the NTEC course - it was one of the best things I ever undertook and I am immensely glad I did the MSc. The whole course and the modules I took were invaluable; providing me with a useful depth of knowledge and understanding when teaching decommissioning related modules to apprentices, HNC and Foundation Degree students.

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Klaudio Bari/Nasir Hamodi	2007/08	The good things in NTEC course was to travel in north and south England and learn interesting modules at different universities and gain a new industrial skills

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Azrudi Mustapha	2008/09	NTEC was able to illustrate to me the background of the entire nuclear industry as a whole - from health & safety, to reactor design and to the nuclear fuel cycle. Talks from invited speakers gave me the opportunity to understand the global picture ranging from the challenge of climate change, potential nuclear accidents, and the challenge of transmitting information about potential risks of nuclear waste to generations of the future. In my year's I have met and worked with people who have served numerous years in the nuclear industry, but lacked awareness and understanding of the global energy scenario and how nuclear energy fits in and contributes to the big picture. It is this gap of wisdom, that the NTEC programme addresses. My training and qualifications may have put the knowledge in me, but it is NTEC that put the passion in me."

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Alistair Braid	2009/10	<p>The NTEC MSc course greatly furthered my career. Having graduated from Sheffield University with a BSc in Physics in 2008, and failing spectacularly to get a job, my hopes were not too high after graduating from Manchester University in summer 2010 (the height of the recession) with my NTEC MSc.</p> <p>My expectations couldn't have been more wrong. Within a week of graduating I had a job offer with a nuclear safety consultancy. The NTEC MSc provides students with the skills the nuclear industry vitally needs and therefore this will stand prospective graduates in good stead with regards securing a job where they can apply their learned skills.</p>

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Eva Gyane	2010/11	I completed the NTEC courses besides a demanding full-time job and a big family with three kids (and a dog). For two years, I spent all of my free time on studies and the dissertation. I was able to complete my courses owing to my family's support and understanding. While it was challenging to fit the time needed for studying into my already busy schedule, I was very glad to complete the course and eventually reaped the benefits of my newly acquired knowledge during my job as an IAEA nuclear safeguards inspector.
Chris Anwyl	2010/11	I used the NTEC MSc to specialise from mechanical engineering into the nuclear sector. Since graduating, I have worked in many different areas of the nuclear industry - from academic research on spent fuel, to manufacturing of next-generation reactors, to government policy and public perception of nuclear technologies - and at every stage, the skills I developed through NTEC have proved invaluable and have given me a great advantage. I'd recommend the course to anyone who wants to take their career forward in this fascinating industry.
Diego Gonzalez Ratza,	2010/11	During my dissertation in NTEC, I used a CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) software package called Ansys Fluent. Having used this CFD software package helped me a lot with finding my actual position in Aspentech, where currently I support Aspen Plus as Technical Consultant Support Engineer. NTEC offered me an outstanding development in my career, in conjunction with a kindly staff, interesting modules and very professional people who also attended this course, made this experience for me simply unique. Besides being in Manchester which by far the best place to study in the UK.
Cesar Totuero	2010/11	"I attended the NTEC MSc in 2010 and while I was preparing my Project and dissertation I received a job offer from one of the most important nuclear companies in Spain. After 3 years working there I had the opportunity to come back to the UK accepting a challenging job offer in Manchester thanks to my previous experience in the NTEC MSc. Now, 5 years later, I work in a nuclear power plant as a Reactor Engineer. And in all of those selection processes, for all the hrr and technical managers that interviewed me the most highlighted and valuable part of my cv was the NTEC MSc in Nuclear Science and Technology."
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Amarpreet Poonia	2011/12	NTEC provided me with the solid foundations to forge a successful career in the nuclear industry by giving me an excellent breadth of technical and functional knowledge, which I practice daily in my current role. It really is an excellent stepping-stone to build on your skills set from your undergraduate course to help forge a successful career within the nuclear industry.
Date Benissan	2011/12	<p>In 2011 with the objective of working in the Energy production industry and specifically the Nuclear Industry, I joined the NTEC program at Manchester University to complete an MSc course in Nuclear Science and Technology.</p> <p>There was a very broad portfolio of interesting modules which allow not only applicant with physics background but also from different engineering discipline to discover how their skills and knowledge can be used for the nuclear industry.</p> <p>It was a great opportunity to learn from not only leading academics /researchers but also industrial specialists working in the industry.</p> <p>My experience with NTEC was very useful to me when applying for my first job which was a Power Plan Development Project in West Africa where I was able to assist specialists and my recommendations were very appreciated and taken into consideration ...</p> <p>Even though I am not in the industry anymore, the knowledge I have gained from NTEC help me considerably in many ways, specially how I conduct safety analysis and provide recommendations as an engineer for the Aeronautical/Aviation industry.</p>

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Alistair Koch	2012/13	NTEC absolutely helped me get a job in the industry and further afield!
Anna Bradley	2012/13	I graduated from the full time postgraduate MSc in 2013. Following the NTEC course I was able to secure an interesting and challenging job within the UK nuclear industry working in decommissioning. This has led to numerous opportunities including a trip to visit geological disposal facilities in Sweden and an international conference at the IAEA in Vienna. It's a really enjoyable way to complete a masters; the module format allows you to interact with both full time students and those already employed in the industry in the UK and abroad, which really enhances the learning and increases your network of contacts.

Koss Billingham	2012/13	<p>The NTEC course gave me what I needed to get a foot in the door and now I'm doing very, very well. If you want figures to throw at the kids on the course, then I've tripled my income in the space of 6 years as a result of the NTEC course. My career average annual pay rise since graduation has been ~£5400 a year and I've done some amazing things. Thanks to Manchester Uni, I've stood on top of a nuclear reactor while it was refuelling, I've seen Cherenkov radiation, I've been in buildings with bits of government owned kit that I'm not allowed to talk about, worked on tanks, fighter jets and various other cool toys, I've done some work in an air traffic control tower, put significant input into the electrification of the east coast main line plan and helped re-write UK defence standards. Hell, I even got to have a few casual conversations with Brian Cox while I was there. The world has really opened up as a result of the year I spent with NTEC and I will be forever grateful. I think the best advice would be to maintain the relationships with the people you study with though, as this is just as valuable as what you learn. While I'm not doing much in nuclear these days, the skills it gave me has given me an incredibly broad scope of opportunities and the success I've had has hugely relied on the guys I studied with.</p>
Ahmed Al-Ansaari	2012/13	<p>I am now a Nuclear Engineer working with the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation. Friends, families and colleagues frequently ask me how did I achieve such status in my career? I proudly reply to them that I was a graduate from the University of Manchester with an MSc degree in Nuclear Science and Technology.</p> <p>I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff and faculty members at the University of Manchester for their full support, help and knowledge transfer throughout my studies at the university.</p>
Mark Driscoll	2012/13	<p>I'm Mark Driscoll, and I've worked at Sellafield Ltd since 2009. (2009-2011: Technical Directorate; 2012-present: Decommissioning Directorate). I completed the MSc course as a part-time, distance-learning student September 2010 - December 2013 and studied the following modules: N01, N02, N03, N13 (in the first year) and N04, N10, N29, N31 (in the second year).</p> <p>Overall this was a great course and I'm very pleased to have completed it. The NTEC course is fully geared up for part-time distance-learners like myself, so please don't let this 'unconventional' route deter you. I came to the course from having not had a BSc in Maths or Physics and instead demonstrated suitable training and experience in my previous work background (Royal Navy officer, nuclear submarines) which was sufficient to gain acceptance onto the course. Parts of the course were demanding (especially some of the differential equations and quantum mechanics concepts) but plenty of help was available. I did the course between the ages of 29 and 32 amidst the demands of job and young children; so it's certainly achievable with a bit of application! I scored a distinction for the first two years (sadly missed out on overall distinction because of third year dissertation) - so the pickings are definitely there for the taking!</p>

Summarising each module in a few words is a challenge and doesn't really do each module the justice it deserves. However, to give you a flavour of my own experience, here is my back-of-an-envelope pen sketch of each module:

- N1 - the most mathematically demanding module (the Boltzmann Transport equation in 7 dimensions took me a while to get my head around) but the post-course assignment gave plenty of scope to play to strengths;
- N2 - very interesting. The book that got me through this was The Nuclear Fuel Cycle - From Ore to Waste by P. D. Wilson;
- N3 - the best module - well taught and great interactive distance-learning videos - try not to be too scared by the textbook (Nuclear Physics - Principles and Applications by J. Lilley) which goes from basic to insanely difficult within the space of a few pages and then back to normal - overall, this book was one of my bibles throughout the course. I made an appointment to see Professor Billowes who very kindly spent a morning teaching me 1:1 - I was massively appreciative of this;
- N4 - lots of reading and very interesting from political and economic perspectives - key is to start the reading early so it doesn't get too daunting;
- N10 - generous selection of topics available to choose from. I chose vitrification and kept in regular touch with supervisor;
- N13 - criticality - very easy to get a very wrong answer very quickly but which looks very plausible and hence lure you into disaster. Key is early engagement with supervisor to make sure your criticality calculation is sound. I ducked MCNP modelling and instead derived my answer from theoretical physics and validated it with a sensitivity analysis but you might want to do a fancy Monte Carlo model - tread carefully;
- N29 - you have to use your imagination for this module because it's not just about nuclear physics. I did work-breakdown-structures for resources, project management tasks and a contract tender. If you think outside the box, you can really be creative in this module;
- N31 - arguably the most useful module and I'm really pleased I did it at the end of the course because it synchromeshed the previous 7 modules. Aimed less at pure physics and more towards managerial roles in the nuclear industry - thoroughly enjoyed it.

Best of luck in your application to NTEC and good luck with completing the course. It's hard work and the part-time can make it a long slog but the MSc reward made it all worthwhile. The NTEC

		office were really helpful - not just during the application procedure but also throughout the next 3 years. I found myself on the phone to them fairly regularly and they always helped me out (e.g. I made a private appointment to travel to Manchester to come and look at some dissertations to get an idea of what was expected). The tutors were great (a couple of delays but nothing too major) - the key is early engagement to share your ideas / proposals and hence make sure you're on the right path. Hope this testimonial helps by honestly telling you 'how it is' (at least from my perspective) and I'll sign off by wishing you all the best, Mark
Ahmed Al Ansaari	2012/13	The MSc course Nuclear Science and Technology have boosted up my career as a Nuclear Engineer, working in one of the fastest projects in the world. The knowledge and skills that I've developed have enabled me to lead my team in resolving industrial and regulatory issues in the project. These issues are very challenging since the nuclear plant is a new technology being introduced in my country. However, everything that I experienced is related to what I have studied which gave me the confidence to step up and take action. The beauty of this course is that it provides a wide range of optional courses in which I was able to choose from to come up with the perfect balance.
Tom Namaguads	2012/13	I loved the course and it was invaluable to my career progression so I'd encourage anyone to do it

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Matthew Wightman	2013/14	The NTEC course provided an excellent breadth and depth of knowledge, which has been a cornerstone to my career opening numerous doors for me along the way.
Diego Gonzalez Criado	2013/14	By the time I was working as I am nowadays in the Spanish IDOM company, in the Nuclear department. What is remarkable is that at that time we were about 100 colleagues, while now we are more than 200 nuclear mates working in more than 15 countries and also in the UK, including supporting British companies like MOLTEX. The modules were useful for broadening my mind in terms of how many technologies and disciplines cover the nuclear sector. During this time I was working in France for the new EPR in Flamanville, on a Spanish decommissioning BWR, for overseas research reactors, etc. So, at the end, I would say that every single factor was positive in my career, as it was undertaking my PGCert at the University of Manchester.
Minxiao Zhong	2013/14	The most important is not only how much you can learn, also how do you change the way of thinking. NTEC gives me opportunity to touch the best nuclear education resource in the world, also a omni-directional improvement including language, vision, knowledge and capacity of independent thinking that makes me different and unique. Compare to other competitors in China, this unique

		experience is my biggest weapon and very sharp. China is in rapid change to connect with the world, returnees like me will play decisive roles in this change. We are the future.
Tania Wild	2013/14	<i>With an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering, I came into the UK nuclear industry with very little understanding of the overarching regulations. I had a basic understanding of security and safety gained from working in the defence industry and my company provided the basic nuclear training, but I still lacked the complete picture. The MSc with NTEC has joined all the dots. It covers all areas from the science and technical aspects, to the regulation and safety that are so important to the industry today, and without these the UK nuclear industry would not be the world leader it is. The content of the course is comprehensive and stimulating, this is delivered by lecturers who are genuinely interested in their subject field and are passionate about passing on their knowledge.</i>
Anas Pauzi	2013/14	NTEC was a great program, it was very well organized, the unique course structure gives us great opportunity to travel different places and meet lecturers from different universities and also institutions.

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Jordan Hall	2014/15	NTEC has made such an impact on my career (and life in general). The sites I've worked at and the career I'm in are worlds away from what I would have been doing if I started working fresh from graduating my bachelors. Having lecturers and other students from industry made a massive difference by getting my head out of the lab and into the workplace and let me know what was out there.
Saralyn Thomas	2014/15	I was 100% sure I wanted to do the NTEC course when I heard about it. I'd always been interested in nuclear energy and I struggled getting into the industry with a Bachelor's alone. Enrolling on the NTEC course is the best decision I have ever made in my career to date. The course gave me an excellent foundation of knowledge across a variety of aspects in the industry and I use the skills I gained from the course every day in my role as a Nuclear Safety Consultant. Anyone interested in a career in the industry must consider NTEC as your next career move!
Jessica Callen	2014/15	NTEC is an excellent opportunity for those working full time to enhance their technical skills in nuclear science and technology. Obtaining hands-on experience at a research reactor is highly recommend with the N32 module. Alternatively, undertaking one of the many distance-learning courses provides flexibility and is ideal for those with a busy schedule!
Matthew Butel	2014/15	NTEC provided me with a breadth of industry relevant knowledge, which I now find invaluable in my daily work. This demonstrates both the quality of teaching and resources available to students, also the benefits of maintaining strong links with the UK Nuclear Sector.

Ifeanyi J. O	2014/15	<p>Indeed I had wonderful experience throughout my one year programme. Firstly, I have understood the implications of plagiarism; now I have acquired the skills needed for an excellent academic writing. Secondly, the right accorded to me to choose the modules suitable to me is fantastic. As a result, I was able to choose my modules to feed into my future short-term and long-term career goals.</p> <p>It is important to note that the way the NTEC programme is planned and organized is superb. This is true since there is an avenue for experts from the nuclear industries to come around to educate the students. Thus, the gap between theory and practical has been bridged. I cherish my trip to the Sellafield Nuclear Facility where I was taken through all the stages of nuclear fuel manufacturing. It was awesome!</p> <p>I will not forget my experience with the NTEC members of staff in the University of Manchester. They were very friendly and always there to attend to my problems.</p>
Akhlak Aziz		<p>The NTEC MSc program is structured such that the modules are taught by the best relevant people and at the best places. The standard of the syllabus is quite high and modern. The MSc in Nuclear Science and Technology has invigorated my interests in higher studies and shown me the path to become a pioneer of nuclear science in my country, Bangladesh.</p>
Leighton Millis	2014/15	<p>From a standing start I initially found the NTEC course challenging, both intellectually (coming from a non-nuclear background) and in fitting it in with my work and home life. Fortunately, the flexibility of the programme enabled me to fit it around everything else and even to defer certain elements when work pressure became too demanding. Though I was following the distance learning route I greatly enjoyed the interaction of several directly taught modules and as communication technology moves forwards, this may be possible with the distance material. The help and support I received from Mel and her team was invaluable.</p> <p>Having graduated I feel a massive sense of personal achievement in gaining this qualification, now being able to better understand the complexities of the nuclear industry on a day to day basis. The knowledge I have gained will help me to develop my company's contribution to the nuclear sector and I would highly recommend the course to willing Engineers and Students who would like to play a significant role in the renaissance of this industry.</p>
Adam Towne	2014/15	<p>"The MSc in Nuclear Science and Energy hosted by NTEC has helped me immensely so far in my young career. Although coming from a physics background and primarily focusing on technical courses, I used the setup of NTEC to introduce myself to other aspects of the nuclear industry and subjects outside of my comfort zone such as Legislation, Regulation and Policy, Safety Case Development and Reactor Materials. These courses helped supplement the subjects</p>

	<p>taken in my previous MPhys degree as well as the technical NTEC courses, this along with the various NTEC career fairs and meetings with professionals within the Nuclear Industry opened up my mind to the myriad career possibilities.</p> <p>From this grew an interest in nuclear safety consultancy, with the prospect on working on multiple projects, problem solving for various clients and visiting nuclear licensed site being very attractive. This interest and the prestige of the NTEC MSc within the nuclear industry played a major part in gaining interviews with several nuclear safety consultancies before I had even completed the MSc. This interest and background also helped me gain dissertation sponsorship with Corporate Risk Associates and the “guarantee” of a job upon completion of my dissertation project; “PSA Perspective of Proposed New Build Plants in the UK”.</p> <p>Although the “guaranteed” job fell through due to the slow-down at Hinkley Point C in Summer 2015, having the NTEC MSc put me to the front of the queue for all the available jobs for new starters with a multitude of interview requests from around the UK for nuclear safety consultancies both big and small, with me joining Abbott Risk Consulting after only a few months being unemployed in a time of great uncertainty in the nuclear sector. At Abbott Risk Consulting my experience was put to use straight away with work on dose calculations, shielding models, support on documents to be delivered directly to clients and, my personal favourite, undertaking HAZOP studies; all these skills I got from NTEC. On top of this, the transferrable safety skills I gained during the MSc and the various courses allowed me to work on various Oil and Gas projects as well and led to work on a three week HAZOP study in Munich, working with Linde and Nipigaz in a multi-lingual team (English, German, Russian and French) on the Amur Project, the building of one the world’s major gas processing facilities, a brilliant experience both personally and professionally.</p> <p>Having spent seven months with Abbott Risk Consulting, I moved to Atkins, one of the largest engineering consultancies in the world, primarily for their pedigree in bring through graduates at the start of their career, but I would have never got the chance and made it through the assessment process without the knowledge and skills I got from the NTEC MSc. Now I am further building up my skills in a professional environment, interacting with clients, cultivating knowledge from experienced colleagues and thoroughly enjoying being in a team with a mixture of backgrounds and specialisms.</p> <p>The NTEC MSc does has its down sides with the selection of courses possibly causing disruption with overlapping coursework and exhaustion from having three course in three weeks (poor forethought on my part), but there is plenty of support both academically and through others on the course, plus a bit of self-organisation goes a long way. Another downside would be</p>
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		<p>hangovers after nights out, but it's all about making the NTEC course an enjoyable experience as well as an high-level academic one, and anyway the relationships you make during the course can help push you further too. I currently work with someone I undertook the course with at Atkins, at Abbott Risk Consulting the head shielder was an NTEC graduate from four years before me and I have ran into many previous graduates and people who know of the course; all have only spoken well of the course and it's a wonderful ice-breaker for awkward first meetings and networking events.</p> <p>Overall, I wouldn't be where I am without the NTEC MSc and it all pays off greatly if you're willing to put the work in.</p>
Alex Flynn	2014/15	The NTEC course definitely helped me get the job, so I'm really grateful! I'll definitely recommend the NTEC to people who ask about it
Ben Eaton	2014/15	'As a Mechanical Engineer with Sellafield Ltd, I have found the content of the NTEC course to be of great value, particularly in terms of broadening in my knowledge in areas which I would have had to wait years to gain. By completing modules ranging from Reactor Physics to Safety Case Development and taking the opportunity to meet professionals, both fellow students and guest lecturers, I genuinely feel i have laid a good foundation for a career in the Nuclear Industry
Sophie Jackson		NTEC was an invaluable course and due to a visit to BAE Systems in Barrow-in-Furness organised by NTEC, I am currently working as a Nuclear Safety Engineer. I am now organising the BAE Systems visit with NTEC for this year's intake with the intention of inspiring them into the nuclear industry. NTEC gave me the skills and ambition for a career in the nuclear industry and I am so grateful for the course, it opened up a opportunities I didn't know existed'

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Andrew Yule	2015/16	My study through NTEC has been invaluable since I graduated in 2017. It gave me a solid technical foundation in nuclear technology and the combination of short courses and distance subjects gave great flexibility while I was studying. The institutions involved all have fantastic reputations and my degree has been held in high regard across the world. It has really helped my career.

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David Fulford	2016/17	The NTEC has helped reinforced my knowledge of nuclear technologies within my role at BAE Systems, providing valuable

		insight into the inner workings of nuclear reactors and the pivotal role they play in the energy market.
Sarah D'Lima	2016/17	An MSc through NTEC has helped to further my career; since graduating in 2017 I have been on the nuclear graduates scheme sponsored by Magnox and will shortly be joining Magnox permanently. Without the knowledge I gained through NTEC, I would not have been able to join the industry through a competitive graduate scheme and been able to experience working in a variety of placements including Sizewell A in the Environment team, Magnox Harwell in the Legacy Waste team and at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) working on new regulations on public safety in nuclear accidents. An MSc through NTEC has helped open opportunities I wouldn't have been able to pursue with a BSc alone including being runner up for the NSAN Science Graduate of the Year 2019 – thank you NTEC!
Sinamees Hajarat	2016/17	I first got interested in Nuclear Energy when I enrolled in an optional module during my final year of my Civil Engineering BEng degree called Nuclear Systems. I found it appealing because I enjoy physics but I also cared a lot about the environment and I wanted to help make a change. Ever since then I wanted to expand my skills and knowledge further to be able to get a job in the nuclear industry. I enrolled in the NTEC MSc and it did just that! N02 and N04 helped me understand the whole industry from mining all the way to decommissioning. N32 helped me appreciate the practical side of the industry while N01 and N12 made me understand how a reactor works in a technical way and if I ever decide to do a PhD in the future it would most likely be in regards to one of these two modules. My dissertation was modelling an SMR with a code called serpent. Knowing about SMRs along with everything I gained during my time at NTEC has helped me get the job I have today at the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission where I do a lot of research and help in evaluating current SMR designs to help Jordan select one. Not only did I gain all the technical skills mentioned above but I also gained a lot of time-management and money-management skills along with getting to travel a lot of places in the UK and internationally (Prague). I am still learning but I think NTEC was a great headstart for my nuclear career and I am extremely grateful!
Ila Lee		One of the biggest advantages of NTEC course is that it can provide the lectures by experts in the diverse range of nuclear area. The most important aspects for the international students is that there is a chance that you can come across the interesting subjects with little knowledge or less interest in your home country. Moreover, there is a pleasure to visit different sites in U.K. during the lectures. Also, a number of meetings for the international students are provided to see how well the students manage the school life. Overall, NTEC course can provide useful information and experience for your future career.
Seokryung Yoon		I can definitely say that NTEC is a well-organised and structured programme for MSc in Nuclear Science and Technology. I was able

		<p>to take advantage of various academics and experts from industries during course deliveries. Friendly staff helped me to sort out difficulties that I had while studying at the University of Manchester.</p> <p>I think that how much and what kind of knowledge you can touch down in the course does not matter because you always absorb new knowledge during your entire career. As a junior professional, I believe, it is important to learn problem-solving and analytical-thinking skills. When you confront an issue in your research or workplace, you should be able to find a solution by yourself or cooperate with colleagues. The NTEC programme encouraged me to cultivate such capabilities. At the end of the course, you will be able to find yourself standing on a firm ground that you can build a successful career.</p>

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Andy James	2017/18	I was very impressed by the wide range of modules that are available. I was able to take some modules that I thought would be useful for my career and also some modules out of pure interest. Completing the course and gaining a wide insight into other aspects of the nuclear industry has helped me decide the future direction of my career.
Claudia Burgos	2017/18	I have worked for the nuclear industry for 11 years in Marketing & Business development roles. For awhile I had tried with no success to change my career into more technical roles, i.e. the execution of nuclear projects. The year I spent attending the NTEC courses in England have allowed me to finally make that change. I just started an assignment working in a technical role in one of Canada's major infrastructure projects, i.e. the life extension of a nuclear power plant. I believe I owe this opportunity to NTEC and so I highly recommend it.

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John Billingsley	2018/19	With a wide range of modules, the course is an excellent primer for graduates wanting to pursue a career in the nuclear sector. The course is tailored to give you the vital skills needed in many nuclear-related roles, and provides invaluable opportunities to network within the industry. If I had not taken this course, I would not have had the same opportunities to forge a path into this cutting-edge and exciting industry