

Success Story

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Computers For Schools Northwest Territories (CFSNWT) has helped to jumpstart my career in technology by giving me a strong technical base for IT and computing. I started volunteering with CFSNWT in 2008 refurbishing computers without any idea that I wanted a career in technology. The staff and volunteers helped to me learn hands on technical skills and prepare me for the CompTIA A+ Certification exam which I successfully completed in 2009.

After a yearlong internship with CFSNWT, I worked for an IT company in Yellowknife for two years making use of the skills I developed during my internship. Since leaving the Northwest Territories, I have attended the University of Waterloo to study computer engineering. The practical experience I gained opened the door for many interesting technical positions which has resulted in me acquiring skills that are in high demand for technical jobs around the world. **Most recently, I've found myself working on the engineering team for AdRoll in San Francisco as well as being on a team in Waterloo, Ontario designing a low power integrated circuit to perform cryptographic functions on embedded devices.**

Thanks to CFSNWT, I have gone from being unsure about working in technology to being a sought after designer in the tech industry. The skills I've gained are not only practical, but have provided a strong fundamental knowledge to allow me to grow in the field of computer engineering.