



Laila Bent Khalifa Al-Sa'idi

Laila Bent Khalifa Al-Sa'idi never knew the future could look so exciting—or so promising. With a high school education and a “basic understanding” of computers, she didn’t dream of a career in Information Technology. Then she enrolled in the Women in Technology (WIT) program, after a friend of hers told her about the WIT training courses in computer and business skills.

Laila’s parents liked the idea of a women’s-only computer training course, and they encouraged her to enroll. She was also enticed by the “attractive pricing” of the program, and the fact that some of the courses taught are not offered in other institutes.

“I originally enrolled because I wanted to learn about computers so I could teach my children,” she explains, “but I also learned a lot and benefitted from the course.”

Specifically, Laila found a passion and a goal of her own to pursue: “After participating in this program, I realized that my goal is to apply for a position in a private school to teach computers,” she says. “I hope to find work with the certificate I receive.”

Laila notes that there is a scarcity of jobs in the Kabeyat Al-Hawasna area where she lives, in Al Khaburah, Oman. However, in addition to granting a certificate in IT training, the WIT program also armed her with the job-searching and networking skills to be competitive in the job market.

As Laila completes the WIT training program and begins to develop her career, she encourages other women to follow her example by enrolling in WIT, finding their own goals, and pursuing their dreams.

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