



Taghreed Al-Baiomi

Taghreed Al-Baiomi had little computer experience to speak of until this year. When she saw a newspaper advertisement for a Women In Technology (WIT) training course at Effat College in her hometown of Jeddah, she signed up immediately.

“Computer skills are very important nowadays,” Taghreed explains. Even with her Bachelors degree in Arabic Language, she knew she needed to become familiar and comfortable with basic computer programs and IT skills to be competitive in the job market.

Her family was supportive as she pursued the IT certificate offered through the WIT course. Despite the long daily commute between her home and Effat College, she successfully completed the course this July. “I think it’s great,” Taghreed says of the WIT program. “The most important thing is to use a computer with confidence.”

Now, Taghreed feels the only obstacle to finding a job is her lack of work experience—but the WIT program offered professional development tips and practical job-search training to help her refine her search and be competitive in the job market. “I want to study English and find a good career,” she says. Ideally, she would like to work in an administrative position related to her major.

To Taghreed, the ideal woman is “the married woman who wants to continue her education and work.” She notes that she surpassed her mother’s education level when she completed her Bachelors degree, and she hopes her daughter will surpass her, going on to become fluent in English.

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