Science graduate Clement Cheong takes the right step to pursue his passion in social work

Although Mr Cheong, 32, had the personality and qualities to become a social worker, he lacked the necessary skills — knowledge and expertise by:

A STEP in the right direction
With unequivocal support from family and friends, Mr Cheong signed up for the Graduate Diploma in Social Work conducted by UniSIM.

He is still working at the Whispering Hearts Family Service Centre, a job he found through the WDA's Professional Conversion Programme.

He yearned instead for a job that would allow him to directly touch the lives of people and their loved ones. That is why a career in social work appealed to him.

The problem was, he had no idea how to go about becoming a social worker.

Seeking to learn the right skills
Despite holding a degree in life sciences from the National University of Singapore, Mr Cheong knew that his true calling in life did not involve donning a lab coat.

He approached his hectic schedule with a positive attitude and great determination because he knew that CET would allow him to upgrade his skills and knowledge. He is also exploring other courses leading to full Singapore Workforce Skills Qualifications (WSQ) credentials.

Hearts Family Service Centre and intends to further his CET journey to deepen his knowledge. He is also exploring other social-work-related careers.