

Candidates In Focus



Sylvia Paduch

Industry: Information Technology/Consulting
Job Title: Senior Accountant
Organization: Veritaaq Technology House Inc.
Career Experience: 10 years

Sylvia, when you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Since I can remember, I always wanted to become a teacher. But I did not want to be just a general teacher, I wanted to teach math, as math is my favorite subject of all time. Every summer I would spend time with my younger cousins, and they had no choice but to “enjoy” my math lectures.

In the end, I did not become a teacher but my fascination with numbers has not faded. After studying Economics in Europe and Business in Canada, I became an accountant. This is an ideal career path for me because it gives me the opportunity to play with numbers all of the time.

There are many compelling reasons to undertake an Executive MBA Program. What is your goal for the Telfer Executive MBA program?

My goal for the Telfer Executive MBA Program is to become a well-rounded business person, a better team player, a strong co-worker and, eventually my ultimate goal is that the skills I learn within this program will push me into the category of business leader. Coming into the Program with a strong analytical perspective, my goal is to focus on enhancing the “soft skills” which are essential in today’s workplace, the skills I haven’t necessarily acquired in my previous educational endeavors. Also, I believe that the Telfer Executive Program, with a curriculum based on teamwork, relevance business education, and “hands on” consulting experiences which include international consulting projects, will help me see business differently and from various perspectives.

Sylvia, what qualities do you admire in a mentor? Do you have someone you consider a strong mentor in your own life?

During my career, there have been a few people who I would call a leader or a mentor in my life. The qualities I admired in these mentors and leaders the most was their charisma, wisdom, knowledge, and ability to lead. Over the years, they have been able to share their perspectives, strategies as well as their experiences with me. I believe me to be the lucky one; to have met these extraordinary people and had a privilege of working under their guidance and mentorship.