

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING (HIGHWAYS) LEVEL 7 GRADUATE PROFILE

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Karolina Ferbei took a leap of faith to travel to New Zealand for study in February 2017.

It paid off. The young professional woman is now working at Beca Consultancy, pursuing her career in engineering.

Karolina, who was born in Kazakhstan and moved to Russia when she was 10, was positive about her choice of New Zealand.

"I had heard only good things about life here from the New Zealand Russian community – salaries and lifestyle better suit me rather than in my country," she said.

She heard about WITT through the educational agency Kiwi Education. She studied at NZIHT for a Graduate Diploma in Engineering (Highways) and recently took part in the WITT graduation march through central New Plymouth.

She says her experience of WITT and NZIHT was positive and she recommends it.

"It was a very different experience as Russian education is different. I liked the relaxed atmosphere in class, although it was educational and professional, very well planned. Communication with tutors was easy and support staff were helpful."

She says WITT helped her understand main aspects of engineering and to adapt to professional terms and code of conduct.

"WITT provides a professional level of education, support for international students and all the necessary resources to help students to get a high quality education.

"The experience was enjoyable and it was challenging to study in foreign language and in a foreign country, where you don't know anybody.

"WITT helped me to integrate to life in a new world, gave useful tips and explained basic rules of the country."

She found herself in a class full of international students in a similar situation and as a result, she formed new friendships. She said the tutors worked hard to help her gain a full understanding of the subjects.

"Overall it was amazing experience, full of joy, challenges and new information," she said.

Hamilton based Karolina is concentrating on work for now, but long term she has dreams of one day building her own home near a beach.