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A PASSION for healthcare led Ms Valencia Lim, 25, to enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (Sociology) programme awarded by the University at Buffalo (UB), the State University of New York at SIM Global Education (SIM GE) in 2011.

After graduation, she embarked on a Master of Public Health at Imperial College London, after being awarded the Healthcare Graduates Studies Award by the Ministry of Health Holdings.

Now an executive in strategic planning and development at Eastern Health Alliance, she recalls how the SIM-UB programme shaped her career.



Ms Lim's education at SIM GE gave her a head start in her healthcare career. PHOTO: CHONG JUN LIANG

What led you to pursue the SIM-UB Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)?

I was interested in a career that revolves around how different systems function in a healthcare system, and having a strong foundation in sociology was crucial to understanding healthcare systems across the world. The SIM-UB Sociology programme introduced students to sociological theories and research behind social structures.

How would you describe the learning experience?

Many of our SIM-UB instructors were faculty from the UB campus in the United States, and their teaching styles were very interactive and engaging. They constantly encouraged students and provided feedback on how to improve.

What other opportunities did the course offer you?

I participated in the Study Abroad, UB Semes-

ter in London Programme in Spring 2012 led by Professor Debra Street. I had the opportunity to intern at King's College Hospital.

It was a meaningful experience as I learnt about healthcare data analysis and redesigning of hospital services — skills that I use daily in my current profession.

I credit the programme for providing us with a hands-on experience in a foreign environment, which has also equipped me with the knowledge and skills to deal with challenges in the workplace.

How has your education at SIM GE helped you to pursue your current career?

During my course of study, I was able to pursue my interest by tailoring my degree towards healthcare. I would recommend SIM GE to students who appreciate a holistic education with well-paced curriculum components, taught by dedicated professors who will push you to your limits.

