

My first 9 months at Exceed

Yohane shares his experience of training at Exceed Worldwide in Cambodia

Throughout my time at Exceed, I've embarked on an incredible journey, marked by academic challenges and unwavering support. As a student of Prosthetics and Orthotics, I've had the opportunity to explore a range of fascinating subjects, with my favorite classes being those that focus on the design and functionality of artificial limbs and orthopedic devices. Specifically, courses like Trans-Tibial (TT), Ankle Disarticulation (AD), Trans-Femoral (TF) and Anatomy and Physiology have captivated me, as I've learned to create customized prostheses and orthoses that cater to individual patients' needs.

What draws me to these courses is the profound impact these devices have on people's lives, enabling them to regain mobility, independence, and confidence. The combination of technical skills, creativity, and patient interaction makes this field incredibly fulfilling.

I've been fortunate to be part of a diverse class of 14 students, comprising 4 students from Myanmar and 9 from Cambodia. This cultural melting pot has allowed me to learn about different cultures and experiences, fostering a tight-knit community that has been instrumental in navigating the ups and downs of my academic journey.

Beyond academics, I've engaged in sports and social gatherings, building relationships with peers and locals alike. Exploring Cambodia has been a delightful experience, with its rich culture and towns consisting of vibrant markets. I've also been warmly welcomed by the Cambodian people, who have shown me incredible hospitality. Additionally, I've found a supportive Christian community church at the International Christian Assembly (ICA), which has provided comfort and guidance throughout my time here.

While adjusting to life in Cambodia, it has presented its challenges, including the heat and language barrier, though I'm slowly adapting. Despite occasional frustrations with not being able to express myself fluently in Khmer with local people, I'm determined to improve.

As I look to the future, I'm excited to make a meaningful impact as a prosthetist and orthotist. I'm eager to contribute to innovative device development, collaborate with healthcare professionals, and provide personalised care to patients. Working with diverse cases, from pediatric to geriatric, will allow me to make a difference in people's lives, helping them regain mobility and independence. With this fulfilling career path ahead, I'm confident that my time at Exceed will have equipped me with the skills and passion to excel in this field.

