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**BUILD TO CREATE,  
DESIGNED TO PERFORM**  
A JOURNEY OF EVOLUTION.

**BETWEEN WHO  
I WAS AND  
WHO I NEEDED  
TO BE ?**



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# Reflection



**I didn't enter this program as a beginner—I entered it as someone who needed to adapt.**

Before coming to Canada, I spent over 15 years working as an accredited journalist while also building hands-on experience in sales, marketing, events, and brand promotion. I worked with businesses across industries—healthcare, real estate, jewelry, and education, understanding how brands communicate, grow, and connect with people.

**However, moving to Canada changed everything.**

The market here operates differently. The mindset, the consumer behavior, and most importantly, the way marketing agencies approach businesses is heavily digital-first, and that is how businesses expect any professional agency when it comes to an approach to them for getting marketing or promotion projects. Initially, I tried applying the same strategies that worked for me back home. While there were small wins, the over all results didn't match

my expectations. It became clear that experience alone wasn't enough—I needed to understand the Canadian market from the inside. That realization led me to enroll in the Marketing and Digital Media program at the **Canadian Business College**.

My goal at that time was straightforward: combine my real-world experience with Canadian education. I knew that having both would not only strengthen my credibility but also position me better when working with clients, agencies, or building my own media presence. What attracted me most to this program was its practical approach, this wasn't just theory, it was about thinking, building, and executing. **The journey itself turned out to be more engaging than I expected.**

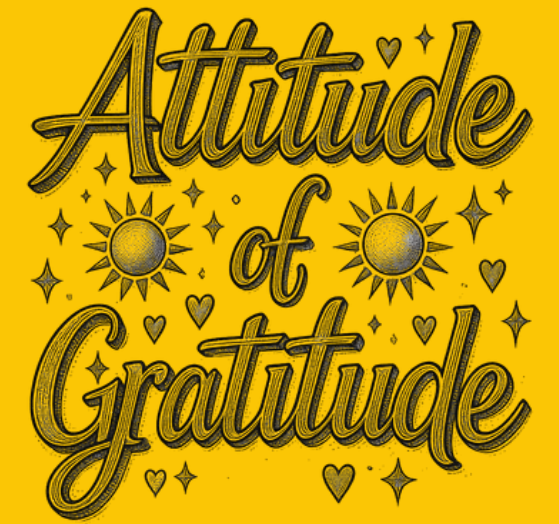
After being away from academics for years, stepping back into a classroom environment felt unfamiliar at first. But since it was an instructor-led program, the learning experience became interactive and immersive from day one. Being surrounded by students from different cultures and backgrounds added another layer of learning—new perspectives, new ideas, and a shared drive to grow.

**Over time, I didn't just learn tools—I adapted my thinking.** Today, I stand at a point where I am confident not only in my creative and technical abilities but also in my execution. Whether it's designing visuals, building websites, presenting ideas, or delivering complete projects within deadlines, I operate with clarity and confidence. More importantly, I now understand how to align my experience with the demands of the Canadian digital landscape. This journey was not just about gaining a diploma, but about transforming my approach, sharpening my skills, and preparing myself to build, compete, and lead in a new market.

## Reflection



Before I share my thoughts about things that i am grateful, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my instructors, Arthur Tanga and Swetha Venkatesan, for their patience, support, and guidance throughout my journey of learning. Their cooperative approach and willingness to help at every step made the learning experience far more meaningful and impactful.



## 5 things, I am grateful for in the journey so far

Studying at CBC gave me a chance to understand digital marketing, tools, and strategies aligned with the Canadian market.

The Opportunity to Restart my career in a completely different market, culture and audience.

Learning with people from different backgrounds broadened the way how I think and communicate.

My Past Experience in this field gave me strong foundation. Without that, it might have been harder to adapt in the new system.

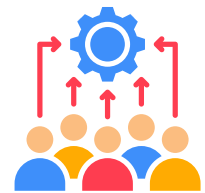
Working practically in almost every module pushed me to create and deliver, building real confidence and not only theory.

# Key Projects & Learning Experiences

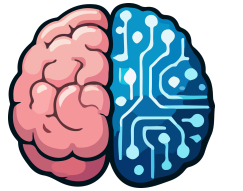
WHILE EVERY MODULE CONTRIBUTED TO MY GROWTH, A FEW STOOD OUT BECAUSE THEY DIRECTLY CHANGED HOW I THINK, CREATE, AND EXECUTE IN REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS.

- ✓ **Career Strategies (Building My Professional Identity):** This module helped me present my experience the right way. I learned how to align my resume with Canadian standards and position myself based on skills and impact.
- ✓ **Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator (From Basic to Professional Design):** I moved from basic tools to professional design software, gaining better control, precision, and a deeper understanding of visual communication.
- ✓ **Career Strategies (Building My Professional Identity):** This module helped me present my experience the right way. I learned how to align my resume with Canadian standards and position myself based on skills and impact.
- ✓ **Social Media & Data Analytics (Strategy with Direction):** I learned that content needs data to perform. Understanding audience, timing, and analytics helped me create more focused and effective strategies.
- ✓ **Digital Podcasting (Enhancing Storytelling Skills):** This module improved how I present and structure content, helping me move from basic interviews to more polished, professional storytelling.

# Sequence of my course study



My journey started with Office Applications & Google Suite, building a strong foundation in everyday tools we need in business or our jobs. I then moved into Corporate Social Responsibility and Project Management, developing discipline, planning, and ethical understanding. With Marketing and E-Commerce Fundamentals, I connected my past experience with modern digital practices. Career Strategies helped me position myself effectively in the Canadian market. The creative phase included Digital Podcasting, Social Media, Digital Marketing Trends, and Storyboarding & Video Editing, where I improved storytelling and content creation. I then explored design through Photoshop and UX/UI, followed by SEO, Google Ads, and Marketing Automation to understand visibility and performance. With Data Analytics, I learned to make decisions backed by data. Finally, Web Design and Illustrator brought everything together—turning my learning into real execution.



# Mind Map

Most interesting modules that i loved studying about

MEDIA & JOURNALISM |

DIGITAL MARKETING |

CONTENT CREATION |

DATA ANALYTICS |

WEB DEVELOPMENT |

PODCASTING



## Media & Journalism

- Reporting
- Interviews
- Storytelling
- News Production



## Content Creation

- Graphic Design
- Video Editing
- Reels / Short Content
- Branding



## Web Development

- WordPress
- UI/UX Basics
- Landing Pages
- Portfolio Sites



## Digital Marketing

- SEO
- Google Ads
- Social Media Strategy
- Marketing Automation



## Data Analytics

- Audience Insights
- Performance Tracking
- Google Analytics
- Campaign Optimization



## Podcasting

- Interview Recording
- Audio Editing
- Content Structuring



## Outreach Messages For Building Professional Connections

### Mentor Outreach Message

Hello,  
I've been following your work and appreciate your perspective on digital marketing in Canada. With over 15 years of experience in journalism and marketing internationally, I am currently completing my diploma in Marketing and Digital Media at Canadian Business College to align my skills with the Canadian market. If your schedule allows, I would value a brief 15-minute conversation to gain your insights on current industry expectations and trends. I really appreciate your time and consideration.

Best regards,  
Karandeep



### New Connection

Hello,  
I recently came across your profile and was really impressed by your experience in the Canadian digital marketing field. I'd be glad to connect and follow your work.

Best regards,  
Karandeep



### Follow Up Note

Hello,  
I hope you are doing well. I wanted to follow up on my previous message. I understand how busy schedules can be, but I would appreciate the opportunity to connect if you have availability in the coming days. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,  
Karandeep



### Thank You Note

Hello,  
Thank you for taking the time to speak with me. I sincerely appreciate your insights and guidance, which were very helpful as I continue to align my experience with the Canadian market. I look forward to staying in touch.

Best regards,  
Karandeep



# About Me

Being a Digital Media Specialist and Founder of **KD Designz and Social Strategies**. I turn ideas into strategy, content into performance, and help brands to get the desired results through data-driven marketing, website development, and impactful storytelling tailored for today's digital-first market.

**If I am a product, my tagline is simple**  
**"BUILT TO CREATE. DESIGNED TO PERFORM"**

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