

Meet Camille Cotton

A Senior Technician with UTech, currently working on the redevelopment of Griffith Base Hospital.



In support of the NSW Government's Hard Work Knows No Gender awareness campaign, we sat down with Camille to find out why she is pursuing a career in construction and what she enjoys about working on site.

What are your qualifications, Camille?

I am a Senior Technician (Brevet Technicien Supérieur in my home country of France).

Please describe your current job?

I am roughing in cables, and soldering them to card readers.

What's the best part of your job?

I am improving my skills in many areas of construction and I love seeing tasks come to fruition on site.

What's the most challenging part of your job?

Evolving my skills in a sector I had no experience in previously, and finding my place in an industry mainly occupied by men.

What sparked your interest in a construction career?

I was drawn to the fact you can make a start without needing too many qualifications. I am very grateful for that.

What skills and attributes do you need for your role?

You need to be able to work autonomously as well as in teams. And you need to be responsive.

What's next careerwise? And, in the longer term?

I am not sure what project, but I will definitely be staying in construction. I would love to lead a hospital project as big as this one day.

For those interested in doing work experience in the construction industry – what would you recommend?

Seek out some work experience to make sure it's the right industry for you. Listen carefully to your supervisors and don't be afraid to ask questions.

Your advice for those considering a career in construction?

Get involved. Be keen for opportunities and progression.

What are the things good construction employers do?

1. Provide learning opportunities on projects for new starters from start to finish
2. Foster teamwork

How important is diversity to the experiences on site?

I've seen the diversity of nationalities, ages and genders on our site bring in new working techniques and new points of view.

What's changing to make construction an industry-of-choice for women?

There is a new open-mindedness and accessibility of training that is opening up positions for women.