

Testimonial

Nicola Farkas, 36 years old, Training Manager at the Stabilus Teaching Workshop

Mr. Farkas, you've been with our company for approx. 20 years now. Do you still remember your first day at Stabilus?

Yes, I remember it very well. Because I had graduated from a secondary vocational school, my toolmaker apprenticeship started with my second year of training. After a warm welcome from the Training Manager Mr. Kabalo, I was introduced to my new fellow apprentices who already knew each other from the Industrial Teaching Workshop and the two other trainers, Mr. Kutners and Mr. Hiester.

My eventful first day of work with many new impressions ended with an extensive tour of the plant. Which only reinforced my decision to have started my training at Stabilus.

Please tell us something about your career in the company.

Upon completing my toolmaker training, the manager of one of our sister operations offered me the additional opportunity to participate in a fast-track training program to become a power electronics technician. With an eye on career advancement, I gladly accepted the "hybrid" training opportunity. With its hybrid training model, Stabilus early on embarked on a future-oriented journey, which did not get recognition until years later, e.g., in the new vocation of mechatronics technician.

I gathered my first experiences as a skilled worker in Central Maintenance and then deepened my experiences when switching to our Development Workshop after three years. Here I was able to participate in the development of the new "Stab-O-Focs" and "Dorstop" products, which are still very close to my heart. From the series launch of Stab-O-Focs production, called Powerise today, I went to shift management in the Bloc-O-Lift Division and then continued my many interesting years on the job as the Training Manager.

By pursuing continuing education, such as my "Meisterbrief" (Master Craftsman Certificate) and a "Techn. Betriebswirt" (Technical Business Management degree) I have been able to meet the increasing on-the-job demands.

What do you like most about your work

Over the past years, my work at Stabilus has again and again opened up new perspectives and opportunities for career development with new responsibilities. The company's continuous development with new production processes, products and requirements is truly impressive, and I'm glad I can contribute to it.

Let's turn back time a few years. If you were 20 years young again, what would you do differently today?

Not much. I'd choose vocational training at Stabilus all over again. Due to my two-and-a-half years as a Training Manager, I have learned about new training options. I personally find the cooperative model very interesting, as it offers a combination of vocational training and a university education. As a large organization, Stabilus can offer many opportunities for a successful career.