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Pivoting Back to Her Passion:
Teshika's Multi-Cloud Goal



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For Teshika Holmes, cloud computing wasn't a brand-new career path – **it was a return to the work she genuinely loved.** After building a strong foundation in IT during her time in the U.S. Air Force, she gained experience working across Windows, Linux, and Unix environments. As her career evolved, however, her focus shifted away from cloud administration, leaving her eager to return to the technologies that had first inspired her.

"I wanted to be a cloud administrator again," Teshika explained. While working at Splunk, now part of Cisco, she continued developing expertise in cybersecurity, SIEM, and SOAR technologies, but she knew her long-term goal was different.

"I'm trying to pivot into the cloud because I miss being a cloud administrator. I miss being a Linux administrator. My goal is to get into AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud."

Finding a Bootcamp That Felt Different



ESTABLISHED TRUST

Before joining the Cloud Mastery Bootcamp, Teshika had already experienced Neal Davis's teaching through his online courses. His approach to explaining complex technical concepts left a lasting impression.

"I fell in love with the teaching style," she said. "If I had a question about something in his course, he responded."



GUIDED ENVIRONMENT

Digital Cloud Training offered something different – a structured learning environment where instructors and classmates were actively invested in each student's success.



RENEWED COURAGE

That experience gave her confidence to enroll in the Cloud Mastery Bootcamp, especially after previous bootcamp experiences had left her frustrated. Instead of receiving meaningful guidance, she often felt like she was expected to figure everything out on her own.

"The previous bootcamp was very hands off. It was basically, 'Here's the project – go do it.' If you needed help, they just said, 'Go to your group.' I thought, 'I'm paying thousands of dollars and getting very little support.'"

Support That Builds Confidence

One of the biggest differences Teshika experienced was the balance between independent problem-solving and instructor support

"The support resources from Neal and the rest of the crew... have been very helpful because it's a cross between researching and getting help when you need it."

Whether asking questions during live sessions, revisiting recorded classes after work, or connecting with instructors outside of scheduled Zoom meetings, she found the flexibility she needed while balancing a full-time career.





"If I make a mistake,
someone will help me
right away – or they'll say,
**'Schedule time outside
the Zoom meetings.'**"

This level of accessibility gave her
confidence to continue learning without
feeling isolated.

For Teshika, one of the most valuable experiences came through the Cloud Mastery Bootcamp's collaborative projects, where students worked together to solve real-world AWS business scenarios.

WORKING ALONGSIDE HER TEAMMATES, SHE HELPED EVALUATE AWS SERVICES, DETERMINE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS, **AND BUILD CLOUD SOLUTIONS FROM THE GROUND UP.**



"I wanted *hands-on experience working in AWS* and researching how to get companies up and running."



"Once you get the cohesiveness with your fellow colleagues in the cohort, it all comes together like glue."

The collaborative experience closely mirrored professional cloud environments. Teams planned projects in phases, tracked work using Atlassian tools, held regular meetings, and divided responsibilities just as engineering teams do in the workplace.

"We all had our part, and we managed to have many conferences and meetups. It wasn't an overnight process – *it came together gradually.*"

Preparing for the Next Chapter



Although her current role differs from cloud engineering, the Cloud Mastery Bootcamp has helped Teshika reconnect with the work she's most passionate about while preparing for her next career move.

"The bootcamp showed me how cloud works in the real world."

Looking back, she believes joining the program was one of the best decisions she could have made.

"If it wasn't for me joining this bootcamp, I would have regretted it big time."

More importantly, it completely changed her perception of what a bootcamp experience should be.

"Once I joined this one, I said, 'Oh, I want to stay.'"

A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY FOR EVERY STAGE OF THE JOURNEY

Reflecting on her experience, Teshika describes Digital Cloud Training as more than just technical instruction – it is a community built around helping students succeed.

"My experience has been positive so far. I've had nothing but positive experiences, even interacting with Neal every once in a while."

Whether learners are transitioning careers, returning to cloud technologies, or building new technical skills, she believes the Cloud Mastery Bootcamp provides the structure, mentorship, and collaborative environment needed to succeed.

For Teshika, the program has become the bridge between her current role and the cloud career she's working towards – a place where hands-on learning, responsive instructors, and a supportive community make returning to the cloud not only possible, but exciting.



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