

Module Title:	Professional Development
Module Code:	02H
Level:	6
Credits:	15
Pre-Requisites:	

Module Description:

The module is designed to provide students with an opportunity to research the professional context of the area of IT in which they want to work, and to complete a small unit of self-study in an IT topic. They will be required to justify their choice of unit in relation to their abilities, previous experience and relevance to industry needs. They will also be required to plan their work and evaluate their progress. The choice of the unit of work will be agreed with the module leader in order to ensure it is of a suitable standard.

Indicative Content:

- Structure of the IT industry
 - IT in large/small organisations
 - The global context
 - Career progression in IT
 - Options for CPD
 - Role of professional bodies
 - Professional development planning
 - Options for self-study
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Learning and Teaching Methods:

After a number of initial lectures on the IT industry and on professional development planning, the module will be delivered primarily through individual tutorials. This will be supplemented with talks from people working in different areas of the IT industry. There will also be input from relevant professional bodies. Students will be expected to make use of self-study materials to complete an individual programme.

Module Specifications: Schools of Business & Management & Information Technology

Specific Learning Resources:

Access to self-study materials.

Bibliography

Recommended

Cottrell, S. (2010) *Skills for Success: personal development and employability skills*

(2nd Edition). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

Routledge, C. and Carmichael, J. (2007) *Personal Development and Management Skills*. London: CIPD.

Professional body websites

Institution of Engineering and Technology www.theiet.org

BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT www.bcs.org

IEEE www.ieee.org

Module Learning Outcomes

Subject Specific Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module you will be able to:

LO 1	Investigate a sector/career path within the IT industry and critically evaluate options for career progression.
LO 2	Produce a professional development plan and justify choices made.
LO 3	Complete a relevant self-study programme.
LO 4	Critically evaluate both progress made and the relevance to future career plans.

Assessment Title or element

Weighting (%)

Assignment: report documenting completion of self-study programme and professional development tasks (2500 words) [end semester]

100%

Information correct at point of publication.

