HSC COURSE DESCRIPTION 2014 – Information and Digital Technology (IT VET) (ICA11v1)

Board Developed Course
Minimum mandatory work placement – 70hrs
A total of 4 units of credit - Preliminary and/or HSC
Category B status for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

This curriculum framework includes courses which are accredited for the HSC and provides students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications. This is known as dual accreditation.

Course Description
The Statement of Attainment towards the Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (ICA30111) provides the skills and knowledge for an individual to be competent in a wide range of general information and communications technology (ICT) technical functions and to achieve a degree of self-sufficiency as an advanced ICT user. Persons working at this level will support information technology activities in the workplace across a wide range of ICT areas, including technical support, network administration, web technologies, software applications and digital media technologies.

Course Structure

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<td>ICAICT203A Operate application software packages</td>
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<td>ICAICT308A Use advanced features of computer applications</td>
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Assessment and Course Completion

Competency-based Assessment
Students in this course work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate that they can effectively carry out tasks to industry standard. Students will be progressively assessed as ‘competent’ or ‘not yet competent’ in individual units of competency.

Optional HSC examination
Students completing this course are eligible to sit an optional, written HSC examination. The purpose of the examination is to provide a mark which may be used in the calculation of the ATAR. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility to receive an AQF VET qualification.

N Determinations
Where a student has not met Board of Studies course completion criteria, including meeting work placement requirements – 35hrs (Prelim) / 35hrs (HSC), they will receive an ‘N’ determination (course not satisfactorily completed). The course will then not count towards the HSC although units of competency achieved will still count towards AQF VET qualification.

Appeals
Students may lodge appeals against assessment decisions or ‘N’ determinations through their school or college.
Pathways to Industry
Possible job titles relevant to this qualification include:
- Help desk officer
- Help desk assistant
- ICT operations support
- ICT user support
- PC support
- Technical support.

Course costs:  $ (Preliminary - $40) + $ (HSC - $40)

Course requirements:  An evidence folder (eg A4 38mm insert binder) USB flash drive 16Gb

Refunds:  Students who exit the course before completion may be eligible for a partial refund of fees. The amount of the refund will be pro-rata, dependent upon the time the student has been enrolled in the course.

AQF VET Qualification(s)
Depending on the selection and achievement of units of competency, the possible qualification outcomes are:
- Statement of Attainment towards a Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (ICA30111)

Your teacher or VET Coordinator will advise the competencies and qualifications that may be available.

For more information on possible outcomes please visit the NSW Board of Studies website.

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. To express an interest or obtain further information go to http://www.sbatjobs.info/

Information Technology Specialisation Study Units (+120 indicative hours)
An additional Specialisation Study course may be available.

Depending on the selection and achievement of units of competency, the possible qualification outcomes from a study of the Information Technology (240 hour) course and Specialisation Study (120 hour) is:

A Statement of Attainment towards Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology (ICA30111)

Exclusions:  Where there is significant overlap between an HSC VET course and other HSC VET or general education courses, the Board has an exclusion between the courses. Exclusions are applied at a course level rather than at the unit of competency level.

Schools should check all course exclusions when determining an appropriate pattern of study for their students. VET course exclusions can be checked on the Board’s website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/voc_ed/exclusions.html.

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2014 Fees: $40.00