Higher National Certificate in Computing

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Guernsey College of Further Education is offering an opportunity to enrol onto a higher education course in Computing - Higher National Certificate in Computing.

The course has been designed to appeal to those undergraduates seeking to access careers within the computing and IT sector on island. The programme has been developed by working closely with local employers to identify essential skills required to be successful in the computing industry, with work related projects being a key element of the programme.

Students will have the opportunity to build on their prowess and experience with a focus on the required skills needed to be effective in the computing business.

The structure of the programme will be a blend of tutor-led research sessions and workshops, individual tutorial support, projects, and access to computing facilities for independent work. Attendance will be over two-and-a-half days, however, access to IT/Computing suites will be available throughout college opening hours as there will be an element of independent learning. Facilities are also available to enable access to college resources from other locations.

At Level 4 students develop a broad knowledge and awareness of key aspects of the computing sector through six core units, which include one unit assessed by a Pearson-set assignment. The units are:

- Programming
- Networking
- Professional Practice
- Database Design & Development
- Security
- Managing a Successful Computing Project (Pearson-set unit).

There will also be at least two other modules included to give a total of eight modules delivered over the year.

The course is very much driven by the ambitions and talents of individual students. There is an expectation that students are highly motivated and self-directed, with a strong independent work ethic, and are able to follow their own professional aspirations.

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Tuition fees

The one-year programme will be £7,500 per year. Staged payments can be agreed with the college.

Start date

The course will start in September 2018; there will be two semesters of 13 weeks per year. Graduation will be Summer 2019.

Progression

It is expected that a Level 5 HND will be offered in September 2019, with the opportunity to upgrade this to a BSc Degree in 2020. Other progression routes include employment.

How to Apply

Prospective students will be invited to attend an interview. Initial expressions of interest should be made to Peter McCook, on peterm@gcfe.net

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