



Your gateway to an ICT career in Australia

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE Professional Year Program

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The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) introduced the “Professional Year” as one of the pathways from university to employment within Australia. The Professional Year is a 12 month ‘job-readiness’ program designed to equip you with the professional skills needed for a successful career in the Australian workforce.

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE (BNIT) is the first provider in Queensland to offer the Professional Year Program in partnership with Australian Computer Society (ACS) and Australian Internships.

Successful completion of a BNIT Professional Year Program may award participants with 10 points under the General Skilled Migration points test.

The Program

The program will provide participants with the knowledge and skills to assist them with employment in the ICT industry in Australia, as well as the opportunity to gain experience in an Australian workplace through a structured internship. There are six components to the program:

1. Opening Boot Camp

You will assess your work capabilities and gain a recruiter’s insight into work and job availability in Australia. You will develop your career plan by identifying employers of interest and professional development opportunities.

2. Australian Workplace Culture Workshop

During this intensive training course (130 hours either part or full time), you’ll learn about common work practices, values and culture of the Australian workplace and how to:

- develop a career plan
- write a resume
- perform effectively in interviews
- understand and respond to employers’ expectations
- understand occupational health and safety guidelines
- contribute positively to workplace diversity

3. Business & Professional Communications Workshop

Employers in Australia seek ICT graduates who are skilled in business and professional communications. This module of work will provide you with practical skills to communicate successfully with people at all levels in the Australian workplace.

During this 130-hour module, you’ll learn how to chair and participate in meetings, write reports and other documents relevant to the workplace and give presentations to work colleagues, managers and clients.

4. Professional Element –Online Training & Networking Events

After completing this online, 130 hour module of work, you will gain an understanding of the risk management, legal requirements, service obligations and ethical standards you’ll need to operate in the Australian workforce. You’ll also learn how to apply your university knowledge to solve practical problems in the workplace.

What’s more, the BNIT Professional Year Program will also connect you with ICT professionals around Australia through ACS networking events. You will learn professional networking skills and gain valuable industry contacts.

5. 16-week Professional Internship

One of the most valuable aspects of the BNIT Professional Year Program is that upon completion you will have gained 16 weeks of practical ICT workplace experience in a well-respected company.

Expect to enhance your career and employment skills with an ePortfolio of work and a proven ability to operate in the Australian workplace. You can’t beat that on your CV!

6. Ending Boot Camp

The final boot camp will be a chance for assessment and celebration! You’ll take part in mock interviews and present your career plans, CVs, capability statements, portfolios and job applications complete with covering letter for the dream job in a company of your choice. You will then celebrate your success with fellow BNIT Professional Year Program graduates and meet and mingle with prospective employers and colleagues at the graduation ceremony.

Fees

Fees	Amount (AU\$)
Application Fee:	\$250.00
Program Fee:	\$12,300.00
Total:	\$12,550.00

Program Fees include:

- Workshops & Program Resources
- Networking Events
- Online Professional Element
- ACS Membership
- Professional Internship and Insurances (16 weeks)
- Boot Camp - Orientation & Closing Ceremony
- Graduation Ceremony & Certificates

Additional Information

The Professional Year is a 44 week program.

While your Skilled Graduate (Temporary) visa Subclass 485 is current, you will have the right to work in Australia. Please check the DIAC (Department of Immigration and Citizenship) website for more information.

BNIT will run its first program in September 2008 at the Ithaca Campus, Red Hill Brisbane. Programs will then run from November 2008 and January, March, June and September 2009.



Secure your place in this BNIT Professional Year Program:

Step 1

Download and complete the BNIT Professional Year application form from http://www.bn.tafe.qld.gov.au/courses_and_careers/professional.html

Step 2

Ensure you attach the following necessary documents:

- Copy of passport
- Copy of Visa 485 or confirmation of Visa 485 Application
- Certified English proficiency test results
- Certified copies of previous academic results
- Curriculum Vitae

Step 3

Send your application:

By post to: The BNIT Professional Year Program
Locked Bag 3, Eagle Farm BC
Brisbane, QLD, Australia, 4009

By courier or in person to:
BNIT Level 2 Block 6,
Fulcher Rd, Red Hill

By fax: +61 7 33 074 746

By E-mail: Scan in your application and required documents and forward to enquiry.bnit@deta.qld.gov.au

If your application is successful, you will receive an Offer Package from BNIT. When you accept this Offer, you will be welcomed as a valued participant of the BNIT Professional Year Program.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the BNIT Professional Year Program in ICT?

The BNIT Professional Year Program in ICT is a 12 month 'job-readiness' program introduced to assist ICT graduates in obtaining relevant workplace skills in their chosen occupation and effectively increase their employment skills and employability, in turn helping to address Australia's skill shortages in the ICT industry.

2. Is the BNIT Professional Year Program in ICT only open to ICT Graduates?

No. ICT is an umbrella term used to cover the many ICT streams open for study in accredited Australian universities' courses.

3. Is the BNIT Professional Year Program available in other professional fields?

It is anticipated that there will be similar professional year programs introduced for both accounting and engineering streams. Please refer to Department of Immigration and Citizenship for further information.

4. Who can apply to do the BNIT Professional Year Program?

The BNIT Professional Year Program is a job-readiness program aimed at ICT graduates who have been issued a 485 Skilled Graduate Visa. Holders of Bridging Visa A may also apply for entry into the BNIT Professional Year Program. If you do not have a 485 Skilled Graduate Visa or a Bridging Visa A, please contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for further details.

5. Can Australian citizens who are graduates and permanent residents who are graduates also apply to do the BNIT Professional Year Program?

Yes, however the BNIT Professional Year Program is a full fee paying program and HECS does not apply.

6. Does completion of the BNIT Professional Year Program guarantee permanent residency?

No, but a person who successfully completes the BNIT Professional Year Program may be awarded 10 points under the General Skills Migration points test.

Points can only be awarded for professional year courses that have been specified by the Minister. The BNIT Professional Year Program in ICT is the only professional year program in ICT specified by the Minister.

7. Can I relocate to undertake the BNIT Professional Year Program?

It is intended that the BNIT Professional Year Program will be made available in all states of Australia over the next 12 months. BNIT Professional Year Program participants may elect to relocate to undertake the BNIT Professional Year Program, but they do so at their own discretion and expense.

8. Does successful completion of the BNIT Professional Year Program guarantee employment?

No. The aim of the program is to prepare recent ICT graduates with the professional skills required for a career in Australia. It does not guarantee job placement.

9. How is the BNIT Professional Year Program structured?

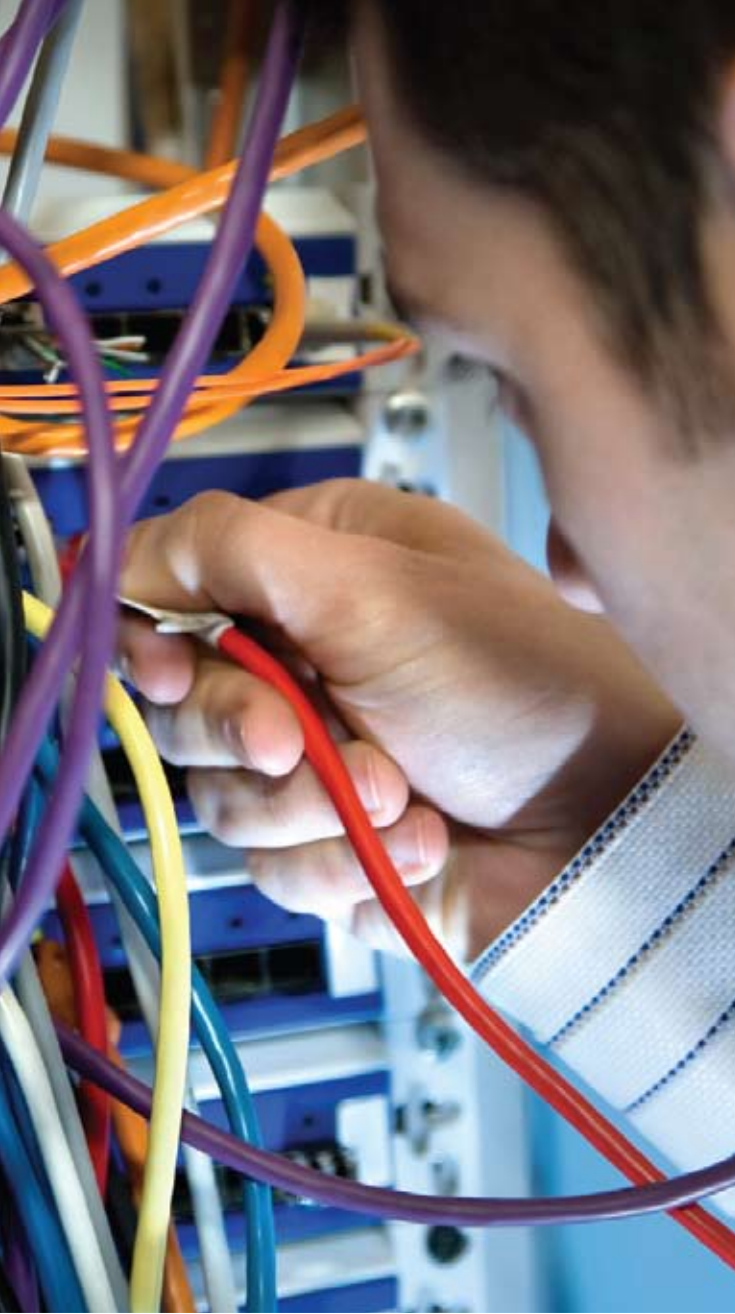
The BNIT Professional Year Program is delivered between a minimum of 44 weeks and a maximum 12 months and includes the following elements:

- Opening Boot Camp
- Australian Workplace Culture Workshop
- Professional & Business Communications Skills Workshop
- Internship
- Professional Element
- Closing Boot Camp

10. Can I work while I complete the BNIT Professional Year Program?

Please refer to Department of Immigration and Citizenship for all visa enquiries.





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