

Information Technology Institute Ready to Take Students at New Portland School

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Portland is about to get a new option in education as the ITI Information Technology Institute gears up to take its first Portland class May 1. ITI, a highly successful Canadian company since 1984, entered the United States last year, establishing a U.S. headquarters and its first American school in Denver. Portland is the company's second U.S. campus. A third school will open near Seattle in Bellevue, Washington in August.

ITI has renovated and completely updated the 12th floor of the Oregon Dental Service (ODS) Tower in downtown Portland into a state-of-the-art facility which mimics almost exactly a corporate information technology environment. The school features the latest in technically-advanced class and team teaching rooms.

Program aims to fill void of high tech professionals

ITI has come to Portland to help Oregon and southwest Washington employers bridge the skills gap and produce the kind of highly qualified, technical and business savvy professionals they are in need of. Offering an unmatched, proven successful approach to filling the critical void of qualified information technology (IT) professionals, ITI is one of North America's premiere postgraduate e-business schools.

The school offers a nine-month, full-time program in Applied Information Technology (AIT) to college graduates from any discipline. The curriculum is built on a world-class collaborative learning methodology where students learn the technical and professional skills required to excel as e-business pros and work on team projects that simulate actual business situations.

Students become lifelong learners

Students become "expert, lifelong learners," enabling them to pick up new technologies in the workplace once they graduate from ITI and launch into their new careers.

The program's market-driven curriculum incorporates all aspects

of business application development, specifically in the area of e-commerce. Students work on real-world e-business projects, such as building fully functioning web sites and back end databases, and working on enterprise development and systems analysis and design.

In addition to the very latest technical tools, ITI goes beyond that to give students the team building, professional development, project management, communication and problem solving skills that organizations demand today.

The ITI school is set up to simulate almost exactly a professional, corporate information technology working environment, so a student can easily transition from ITI to the workplace once they graduate. ITI graduates are highly sought after by corporations across North America and the world, with starting salaries ranging from the mid-40s to the 60s and even higher, depending upon a student's skills and career aspirations.

Numerous job types available to graduates

Among the many types of jobs available for ITI graduates are applications developer and programmer, technical trainer, web developer, programmer analyst, systems analyst, e-business specialist, technical support specialist, sales engineer, IT consultant, application architect, business analyst, project leader, software tester, QA analyst, e-commerce consultant, GUI developer and more.

ITI also works with industry leaders and corporations such as IBM from around the world to develop a curriculum that meets today's market needs. The curriculum is updated every 90 days and as a result many students have new IT careers waiting for them before they even complete the nine-month program.

Students get a laptop computer with full Internet access and e-mail accounts as part of their tuition.

Classes begin every three months, in May, August, November and February. When fully up and

running, the Portland school will be able to accommodate up to 320 students at a time and graduate 400 e-business professionals a year.

For more information, contact ITI at 503/274-0988 or at www.iti.com.

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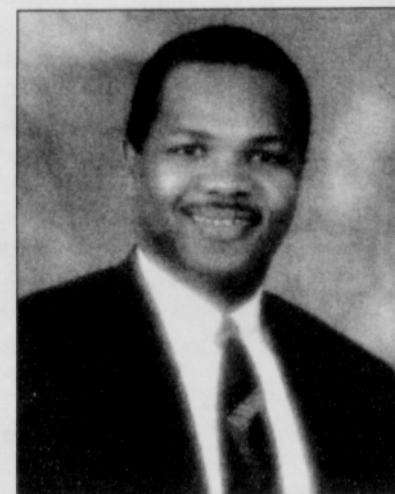
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