



NPA Graduate Case Studies

Hear from Gary Collins, one of our graduates that recently undertook the NPA Fundamentals in Computing, talking about his experience in the tech sector and the new-found skills that he has gained from this course.

I have been involved indirectly in IT over the past 23 years, initially learning MSDOS6, then becoming a UNIX administrator for the British Army's main IT system and CASH administrator of a confidential IT platform specific to higher level management.

The NPA course was well thought through and was in fact one of the best informative courses I have completed lately, especially using the Brightspace platform. It followed Microsoft's learning paths which made it easier to follow, using an industry standard which was quality-based, and helped provide an above average learning experience, especially getting through the tests, practice exams and multiple choice exams.

The course not only provides an international standard qualification but also gives you more experience working through distance learning courses, with robust and effective backup support from the UHI and ScotlandIS.

I'm now looking for a position that can utilise my previous and current new-found skills in IT that covers helpdesk support, sys admin, troubleshooting and customer care. I am keen to use my skills to continue developing and refreshing IT/IS skills within an IT department to work towards more industry-specific qualifications.

- Gary Collins