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There are a total of 4 specialist training sectors in the overall A+ programme, of which you'll need certification in two subjects for competency in A+. We would advise however that limiting yourself to 2 out of the 4 subjects available could leave gaps in your knowledge. At least learn about all four - you'll be glad you did when it comes to interview time.

As well as being taught how to build PC's and fix them, students on A+ courses will have instruction on how to work in antistatic conditions, along with remote access, fault finding and diagnostics.

If you would like to be the person who works for a larger company - fixing and supporting networks, you should include CompTIA Network+ to your training package, or alternatively look at doing an MCSA or MCSE with Microsoft in order to have a deeper understanding of the way networks work.

Accredited exam preparation packages are essential - and must be offered by your course provider.

As a lot of examination boards in IT come from the United States, you must be prepared for the way exams are phrased. It's not sufficient simply understanding random questions - they need to be in the proper exam format.

Obviously, it is vital to make sure you are completely prepared for your actual certification exam before embarking on it. Going over simulated exams adds to your knowledge bank and will save a lot of money on thwarted exam entries.

Speak with a skilled advisor and they'll entertain you with many awful tales of students who've been conned by dodgy salespeople. Only deal with a skilled professional that digs deep to find out what's appropriate to you - not for their bank-account! You must establish the right starting point of study for you.

An important point to note is that, if you've got any accreditation or direct-experience, then you may be able to commence studying further along than someone new to the industry.

Where this will be your opening attempt at studying for an IT examination then you should consider whether to begin with some basic PC skills training first.

The somewhat scary thought of finding your first IT job can be eased because some trainers offer a Job Placement Assistance facility. Ultimately it's not as difficult as you may be led to believe to secure your first job - once you're trained and certified; the growing UK skills shortage sees to that.

CV and Interview advice and support might be provided (alternatively, check out one of our sites for help). Ensure you polish up your CV immediately - don't leave it till you pass the exams!

You may not have got to the stage where you've qualified when you land your first junior support role; yet this isn't going to happen if interviewers don't get sight of your CV.

Normally you'll get quicker results from an independent and specialised local recruitment consultancy than you'll get from a training company's recruitment division, because they'll know the area better.

Many trainees, apparently, conscientiously work through their course materials (sometimes for years), and then just stop instead of finding the right position. Sell yourself... Do everything you can to get yourself known. Good jobs don't just knock on your door.

Does job security really exist anywhere now? In the UK for example, where business constantly changes its mind on a whim, we'd question whether it does.

It's possible though to discover market-level security, by searching for high demand areas, tied with a lack of qualified workers.

Reviewing the Information Technology (IT) business, the recent e-Skills survey highlighted a 26 percent shortage

in trained professionals. To explain it in a different way, this shows that the UK is only able to source three qualified staff for every 4 jobs existing today.

Fully skilled and commercially educated new workers are accordingly at a complete premium, and it looks like they will be for many years longer.

Actually, acquiring professional IT skills throughout the next year or two is most likely the greatest choice of careers you could make.

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