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Congratulations! Reading this subject matter means you're likely to be contemplating your career, and if it's new career training you're deliberating over you've even now progressed more than the majority of people will. Can you believe that just one in ten of us are contented at work - but most won't do a thing about it. Why don't you break free and move forward - you have the rest of your life to enjoy it.

Prior to considering specific training programs, look for an advisor who will be able to guide you on which area will be right for you. An advisor who will take time to get an understanding of your personality, and discover what type of job will be right for you:

\* Is working with other people your thing? Is it meeting new people or being part of a team? Perhaps you prefer not to be disturbed and enjoy responsibilities that you can complete alone?

\* Do you have a preference which sector you would be suited to? (Post credit crunch, it's more important than ever to choose carefully.)

\* Would you like this to be a one off time that you'll need to re-qualify?

\* Would it be useful for your training course to be in a market sector where as far as you can see your chances of gainful employment are high until your pension kicks in?

We would advise you to have a good look at the IT industry - there are increasingly more roles than people to do them, because it's one of the few choices of career where the industry is expanding. Despite what some people believe, it isn't a bunch of techie geeks looking at screens every day (though those jobs exist.) The majority of jobs are occupied by people like you and me who want to earn a very good living.

One useful service offered by some training providers is a Job Placement Assistance program. This is designed to help you find your first job in the industry. Because of the massive need for more IT skills in Great Britain right now, there's no need to place too much emphasis on this feature however. It isn't so complicated as you might think to land the right work once you're trained and certified.

Update your CV at the beginning of your training though (advice can be sought on this via your provider). Don't delay until you've graduated or passed any exams.

Many junior support jobs have been bagged by students who are still learning and have yet to take their exams. At least this will get your CV into the 'possible' pile and not the 'no' pile.

Generally, you'll receive better results from a specialist independent regional employment service than you'll get from a training course provider's recruitment division, because they'll know the local area and commercial needs better.

To bottom line it, as long as you focus the same level of energy into securing a position as into studying, you're not going to hit many challenges. Some students curiously conscientiously work through their training course and do nothing more once certified and seem to expect employers to find them.

You should look for an authorised exam preparation system as part of your training package.

Students regularly can find themselves confused by trying to prepare themselves with questions that aren't recognised by the authorised examining boards. Quite often, the way questions are phrased can be completely unlike un-authorised versions and it's important to prepare yourself for this.

Be sure to ask for testing modules that will allow you to test your understanding along the way. Simulated or practice exams help to build your confidence - so you're much more at ease with the real thing.

One fatal mistake that potential students often succumb to is to choose a career based on a course, instead of focusing on where they want to get to. Schools are stacked to the hilt with unaware students that chose an

'interesting' course - rather than what would get them the job they want.

It's not unheard of, in some situations, to thoroughly enjoy one year of training only to end up putting 20 long years into a tiresome job role, as an upshot of not doing the correct research at the outset.

It's well worth a long chat to see the exact expectations industry will have. What certifications they will want you to have and how you'll go about getting some commercial experience. You should also spend a little time thinking about how far you reckon you're going to want to get as it will often control your selection of accreditations.

Chat with a skilled advisor that has a background in the industry you're considering, and could provide a detailed run-down of what you actually do in that role. Contemplating this before commencement of any study course makes a lot of sense, doesn't it?

If you're like many of the students we talk to then you probably enjoy fairly practical work - a 'hands-on' personality type. Usually, the world of book-reading and classrooms would be considered as a last resort, but it's not ideal. So look for on-screen interactive learning packages if learning from books is not your thing.

Research over recent years has repeatedly verified that getting into our studies physically, is proven to produce longer-lasting and deeper memory retention.

Locate a program where you'll receive a library of DVD-ROM's - you'll begin by watching videos of instructors demonstrating the skills, followed by the chance to use virtual lab's to practice your new skills.

Always insist on a demonstration of the study materials from the school that you're considering. The package should contain expert-led demonstrations, slideshows and interactive labs where you get to practice.

It's unwise to select online only courseware. With highly variable reliability and quality from most broadband providers, you should always obtain actual CD or DVD ROM's.

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