

University of Pretoria joins EMC Academic Alliance Programme

The University of Pretoria has joined the global EMC Academic Alliance (EAA) programme from EMC Corporation (NYSE: EMC), the world leader in information infrastructure solutions. The EAA programme offers a technology curriculum that provides students with a strong foundation for designing and managing IT storage infrastructures – helping the next generation of IT workers to meet the needs of the growing information economy.

“The University of Pretoria is proud to be the first tertiary institution in Africa to become an EMC Academic Alliance partner,” said Jacques van Wyk, senior lecturer in the Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering. “Undergraduate students enrolled for Computer Engineering will benefit from the inclusion of the EMC Information Storage and Management course in their curriculum. We are committed to giving the best education possible while providing students with that ‘advanced edge’ required in industry. We realise the importance that information storage and management will play in the very near future, on all levels – corporate, business and at home.”

EMC’s Information Storage and Management course (formerly known as the Storage Technology Foundations course) educates students on the concepts and principles of information management and storage technologies and offers a fundamental learning of the technologies that are critical to IT professionals.

Upon completion of the Information Storage and Management course, students will have an opportunity to obtain their first EMC Proven™ Professional certification (EMC professional associate or EMCPA). As a proven professional, students can demonstrate their proficiency to potential employers, and also progress to more advanced storage education courses – all designed to help fill the current shortage of skilled workers in the IT industry.

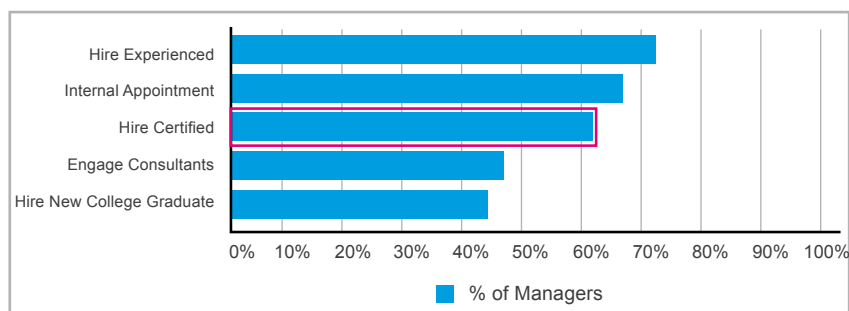
“According to a study by the Independent Development Corporation (IDC), by 2011, the digital universe will be 10 times the size it was in 2006. Managing this deluge of data is quickly becoming an enormous challenge for IT organisations worldwide, and our research shows that the number of available employees with the necessary skills and training to address this challenge is in short supply,” said Tom Clancy, Vice-President, EMC Global Services’ Education Services. “By participating in EMC’s EAA programme and offering its students the information storage and management curriculum, the University of Pretoria is giving them skills and training that will provide a substantial advantage for their future careers.”

As part of the EMC Academic Alliance Programme, the University joins the more than 265 universities and colleges across 14 countries that incorporate this curriculum into their technology and computer science programmes, helping to develop the next generation of IT professionals.

For additional information about the Computer Engineering degree, visit <http://www.ee.up.ac.za/main/en/undergrad/degrees>.

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'Open'	Storage Technologist (EMST) >>	Information Storage and Management	Storage Networking	Information Availability	Enterprise Storage Solutions

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