

## **Employability Statement**

Our programmes allow students to combine study with employment so many students have the opportunity to put new skills and knowledge into practice immediately in the work environment. Students where possible are encouraged to focus assessments on their work. External examiners have commented upon the value of this both from the student and employer perspective. Some students have obtained promotion or had specific projects offered to them at work as a result of being on higher education programme at the college and the overwhelming majority of students will leave their higher education programme with the additional advantage of a track record in employment when they are searching for a graduate job.

- Students can develop their employability skills through personal development planning which is a common theme of many of our programmes. As the majority of our programmes are vocationally related employability skills are embedded.
- Many of our tutors are still practicing professionals and so bring to sessions current and real working practices to share with students.
- With support from tutors and careers advisers, students can identify the skills they are developing which are directly related to the work place, such as – self and time management, determination, self-motivation, managing and improving your learning, communication, ICT, commercial and global awareness, and the practical and professional skills that employers look for.
- Beyond the curriculum: there may be opportunities to develop employability skills through involvement with our student representative process and committee.

## **Our careers information on moodle provides access to a range of careers advisory services**

- Further information and links to useful sites can be found through accessing the elements of the Open University Careers Advisory Service which are made available to all regardless of whether you study with the OU or not and which includes information and videos on:
  - career planning,
  - CV writing,
  - Analysing applications and preparing for interviews,
  - Finding jobs and work experience
  - Careers linked to the subject you are studying,
  - Opportunities to develop volunteering and entrepreneurship

<http://www2.open.ac.uk/students/careers/>