

## **Trialling Literacy/Numeracy Tools and Strategies at MIT**

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### **Abstract**

The 2008 Counties-Manukau Tertiary Education Regional Statement listed as a priority the "enhanced development of the foundation skills of literacy, numeracy, digital literacy and

learning skills".

This presentation outlines the experience by the School of Computing and Information Technology at the Manukau Institute of Technology in trialling assessment tools and strategies, expressly designed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of IT learners' literacy and numeracy skills. The embedding of literacy/numeracy concepts will also assist ITP staff to develop content for IT learners that match student needs and strengthen their literacy and numeracy skills, especially in our IT foundation programmes.

This trial is part of MIT's contribution to the Tertiary Education Commission's project "to build an online, adaptive, innovative, robust and flexible tool with international standing".

The presentation will also explore how to address the literacy/numeracy requirements for an IT qualification staircase at a foundation course level.

### **Keywords**

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