Employers should check a graduate’s academic record for details of the individual components that contribute towards the qualification achieved. The format of these records and the components will vary from institution to institution.

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK

Employers are selecting polytechnic and institute of technology graduates to help fill their computing and IT requirements. Each company has quite different needs but many are looking for people with the following skills:

- Ability to think logically
- Good computing and IT qualifications
- Successful work experience
- Good practical abilities
- Good technical abilities
- Good communication skills
- Good presentation skills
- Good team player
- Strong commitment
- Good performance

The following comments reflect the views of employers who have had previous contact with CPIT's graduates.

*The Centre for Learning Technologies is a significant participant in co-operative and enhanced learning within New Zealand. We have employed a number of polytechnic graduates in recent years and I have been very impressed by their attitude and the confidence they have gained. They have been also good team players. The final year project is also an excellent way for us to see exactly what strengths the students have and to see how they fit in our company environment.*

John Clayton
Manager: Centre for Learning Technologies

*Digital Stream Ltd has had an excellent relationship with Wintec and their IT students through involvement with their final year project. We have employed four students from a sound theoretical base, applying that theory both to commitment and performance. They are clearly operating to assume a variety of roles. The CPIT graduates employed with us have gone on to become excellent employees and an important part of our team. The final year project is also an excellent way for us to see exactly what strengths the students have and to see how they fit in our company environment.*

Russell Brown
Partner of Digital Stream Ltd

"With the convergence of web and e-learning technologies, Digital Stream Ltd has had an excellent relationship with Wintec, and their IT students have demonstrated good work experience. Their skills and capabilities have reflected well in their academic records and they have shown strong commitment and performance. The final year project is also an excellent way for us to see exactly what strengths the students have and to see how they fit in our company environment."
INTRODUCTION

This book provides information for students about computing and information technology qualifications offered by the New Zealand Council of Computing Qualifications (NACCQ). These qualifications are designed to prepare students for employment or further study in the computing and information technology industries.

The book is divided into three main sections:

1. NACCQ Computing Qualifications - This section provides a detailed overview of the computing and information technology qualifications offered by NACCQ. It includes information about the different levels of qualifications, the current qualifications available, and the pathways to a career in computing.

2. ICT Relevance - This section discusses the relevance of computing and information technology in today’s world. It explores the role of computing in various industries and the skills required to succeed in this field.

3. Students and Employers - This section provides information for both students and employers about the qualifications offered by NACCQ. It includes information about the benefits of these qualifications and how they can be used to support career development.

The book is intended for use by students, educators, employers, and anyone interested in the computing and information technology fields.