



IT Practitioners

Student Guide Level 3 BTEC National Award

What is the Level 3 BTEC National Award for IT Practitioners?

The BTEC National Award for IT Practitioners will give you the knowledge to progress into a specific area of employment within the IT sector, or progress to a more responsible job if you are already in employment.

The nature of the course structure allows the qualification to be flexible and adapted to meet your interests and aspirations. There are two compulsory core units plus four more units from a choice of specialist areas (totalling 360 guided learning hours).

The focus of the course is up to you, it can be software development, technical customer support (hardware and software) or networking. Please note that the units studied may vary to meet local or learner needs.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

With the international recognition of BTEC courses such as this, you can progress straight into employment. If successful there are a wide variety of potential careers that you can explore, within sectors such as the growing computer games industry, product development, technical support, technical sales, telecommunications and hardware engineering. Jobs that are commonly taken after completion of the qualification are: systems analyst, computer service technician and computer operator.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The BTEC National Award for IT Practitioners has the equivalence of one GCE A Level, and it is possible for you to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

The length of the course is dependant on the centre. Normally, it will take one academic year to complete but it can be studied for two years or more.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award for IT Practitioners are laid down by individual centres. Fundamentally you should have a broad education including, for example, a BTEC First for ICT Practitioners and/or four GCSEs (graded C or above) and, in addition, the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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