Information Resource Management (IRM) Qualifications

The School of Computing at the University of South Africa is the principal Computing school in South Africa, comprising Computer Science (CS), Information Technology (IT) and Information Systems (IS) divisions. The School focuses on developing executives and practitioners in the Computing field to cater for the ICT skill shortages in the country.

The School of Computing wishes to call for applications from suitable candidates for the Advanced Diploma in Information Resource Management, which commenced in 2016, and the Postgraduate Diploma in Information Resource Management starting in 2017.

The Advanced Diploma in Information Resource Management (an NQF level 7 qualification) is designed as an articulation pathway for our diploma in Information Technology, and specifically, to provide an alternative to the Bachelor of Technology qualification, which has been phased out. The programme provides a fast-track opportunity into the Postgraduate Diploma in Information Resource Management (an NQF level 8 qualification).

The qualifications, being the first offered in South Africa, aim to improve the level of training for new entrants, as well as practising service managers and supervisory staff, as follows:

The Advanced Diploma in Information Resource Management focuses on ICT Service Management modules required in the IT industry such as ICT Service Processes,

Incident and Problem Management, Database Systems, Networks, IT Ethics, **Development Software and ICT Project** Management.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Information Resource Management focuses on a Strategic and Management-orientated understanding of IT-driven organisations, and includes modules such as Change Management, Service Design Management, Knowledge Management, Information and Computer Security, Service Level and Service Validation Management.

Both entry-level and experienced staff with relevant practical experience will benefit from completing these qualifications. At the conclusion of this programme, students should have the required workplace experience and theoretical understanding of a broad range of topics in the IT field.

Admission requirements:

Advanced Diploma in IRM: Diploma in IT or IT-related qualification with a coursework average of 60%

Postgraduate Diploma in IRM: Advanced Diploma in IRM/Computer Science/Information Systems/ Information Technology or a degree in computing or related field

The programme runs for approximately one year (fulltime), but can be spread over two years (part-time).







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