

Re: College vs Cert

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My degree plan teaches even LESS on MCSE type material then it does MCAD material.

Again I stress, this could simply be my college this degree plan suggests network Admin but only has two classes regarding networking. There is another degree plan called computer engineering which is 100% hardware and only has one programing class but my college says its for "software engineering".

My college basically doesnt have a clue what its doing and is not teaching students anything. If I was an employer I would hire a certified person with no experience before I hired a graduate from my college/degree plan with no experience, without question. I am willing to bet a vast majority of my co-students would agree with me in fact, we talk about it all the time.

"Egghead" wrote:

- > Sean, something wrong here,
- > Do u mean MCSE? I think IST is for MCSE stuffs, not MCSD stuffs.
- > May be you are in the wrong Major after all.
- > You are the first one to tell me that cert materials are more challenging
- > than a degree courses works, do you complete your last yr courses yet?
- > Anyway, I also have a degree in CS and few certs as well. However, I find
- > out that a degree is still the best way to get the foot in the door without
- > any exp (Of course, it is given that it is not an university of Pancakes
- > degree). It is bcos it looks good on your resume, and you must do some
- > computer related course works in that 4yrs.
- > "Exp in the field" does not mean that you are working as a PAID developer or
- > a PAID sys admin. There are a lot of ways to get exp in the field. In our
- > CS, we need to involve in 3 CS related projects with some companies before
- > we can go to our final yr, and we must spend at least 150 hrs in each
- > project. Also, before we can let go, we need to involve in a CS related
- > project that we spend at least 450hrs in it. Therefore, we can build up some
- > exp and have a nice CVS. A lot of my classmates have job offer from those
- > companies or other companies that have similar project. If your college does
- > not offer that, I believe your can do some volunteer work for your local
- > church as well.
- > I understand that it feels angry when looking for work, especially after 4
- > yrs of hard work in college. On the other hand, you must understand without
- > exp. It is a really hard sell to any employer. How can they know you can do

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> the work?
> OK, I run into some jobs that degree and exp are not really a req. However,
> you need to write their in-house exam. The exam is not all in MC format, and
> at least half of the exam is hand-on programming.
> Now, I really want to know which college you are in?
> I mean there is no way an accredited college in North America can be that
> bad.
> Egghead
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> "Sean" <Sean@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:020D1BA9-DBCC-4731-9C88-D93A9FE578D7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> My degree plan in Information Systems Technology and they are supposed to
> be
>> teaching me things similar to what could be covered in a cert exam but
> they
>> are not. Furthermore, I find cert material much more challengeing the
> course
>> work.
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>> Now on the topic of ;\$experience; need I remind you that people who are
>> talking to college councilors about ;\$the best way to get my foot in the
> door;'
>> don;t have experience and are specifically asking that question to the
>> councilor because they are currently seeking methods of getting said
>> experience. If you have no experience your options are all or some of the
>> following
>> 1.get certified
>> 2.get a degree
>> 3.find an employer who wil hire you simply becuase you want to learn the
>> stuff at work.
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>> ;\$experience;' is not an option for ;\$getting experience;'. I hope before
> I die
>> people as a whole will understand the impossibility of the logic ;\$I need
>> experience to get my foot in the door;' which if it is not illogical, it
> is at
>> best simply asking for a hand out.
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>> "EggHead" wrote:
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>>> I do not know what kind of college you are in now.
>>> However, "in many cases its more valuable for getting in the door then a
>>> degree", What kind of degree does he/she talking prefer to? A degree
> from
>>> university of Pancake. I believe the truth is that "its" is "exp. in the
>>> field" not the M\$ Cert.
>>> Without any exp. in the field or you know no one in the field, cert is
> only
>>> a piece of paper and almost unless.

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>>> Get it straight, cert is only valid if you have exp or at least a dip
> from
>>> college. I believe no one will hire a programmer who only has M\$ cert
> from
>>> the street in North America now.
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>>> Egghead
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>>> "Sean" <Sean@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>> news:94C1A7A7-0413-4C1E-940C-E64EE72C2276@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>> Not should I get one or the other actually I am getting both, my
> question
>>>> is
>>>> a bit different.
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>>>> I am an IST major and people at my college don't seem to take
>>>> certifications
>>>> very seriously. They seem to think its easy stuff although my college
>>>> councilor said that in many cases its more valuable for getting in the
>>>> door
>>>> then a degree.
>>>> Our program manager said !;±a certification cant replace an !¢D
> entire!|
>>>> course!;L.
>>>> I found that somewhat insulting, at my college one test such as 70-306
>>>> would
>>>> be easily 2 courses if not 3. Could it be just my loser college?
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