

IT Skills Development E-bulletin

Microsoft IT Academy closedown

Many of you have made use of the funded access to the Microsoft IT Academy over

Microsoft IT Academy Program
E-Learning Central

recent years but you may not all have been aware that access to this was part of our agreement with Prodigy (along with the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) exams and MOST programme).

As the central funding of the Prodigy contract ends on 30 June 2013, centres and learners will no longer have access to the Microsoft IT Academy elearning. This means that learners who are undertaking these courses will need to complete their learning before the 30 June 2013 as they will not be able to access it on 1 July 2013.

This applies to learners who have accessed the learning directly but will also affect any centres who have been given access to our IT Academy site to create their own courses through the Microsoft IT Academy elearning website.

Please note that this has nothing to do with the IT Skills Pathway elearning which continues to be available.

Endorsement from Royal College of Nursing (RCN)



Royal College
of Nursing

We are delighted to tell you that we have recently received Royal College of Nursing (RCN) endorsement of the IT Skills Pathway.

We hope this will help you to engage your Nursing staff and that they will now want to undertake training that has RCN support.

IT SKILLS PATHWAY

LEVEL THREE

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL ONE

ENTRY

Reminder of changes to the IT Skills programme from 1st July 2013

Hopefully you are all now aware of the significant programme changes that will come into force on the 1 July 2013.

These changes were discussed at length at the last round of user groups and were also communicated in March's bulletin.

The key messages are:

- All elearning via the IT Skills Pathway Tracking System remains available **free of charge** to NHS centres (visit our website at <http://www.itskills.nhs.uk/prospectives.aspx?tab=pathway> for the list of courses).
- New diagnostic and post-learning assessments with printable 'in house' certificates will be produced and funded for Level 2 and 3 – production commencing July 2013.
- MOST exams, GMetrix practice tests and printable CCI learning materials will no longer be centrally funded from July 1, 2013.
- To continue using MOS exams, GMetrix practice tests and CCI Learning please contact Paul Tilley at Prodigy Learning - Paul.tilley@prodigysolutions.com.
- Microsoft IT Academy elearning (for Office 2003 and technical elearning) will no longer be centrally hosted or funded.

As always please contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) if you have any questions.

NHS MOST:

No. of exams completed in March 2013 462

No. of exams completed since 1st July 2012 3505

Top MOST centres:

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust | 6 Central London Community Healthcare |
| 2 Leicester HIS | 7 East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust |
| 3 South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust | 8 United Lincolnshire Hospitals |
| 4 Guy's and St Thomas' NHS FT | 9 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust |
| 5 Derbyshire HIS | 10 Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS FT |

Top Pathway centres:

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Lancashire Teaching Hospitals | 6 Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust |
| 2 United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust | 7 Ridgewood Centre, Surrey & Borders Partnership |
| 3 Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust | 8 Oxleas NHS FT |
| 4 Dorset PCT | 9 Oxford Health NHS FT |
| 5 North Staffordshire IT Training | 10 Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT |

Pathway elearning:

No. of learners in March 2013 1631

No. of learners accessing since 1st July 2012 41063

May IT Skills Pathway Tracking System Webinar

The May IT Skills Pathway Tracking System webinar will be held on Monday 20 May, 10:00 – 12:00. If you would like to attend please contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) and we'll book you in. We will send the dial in details out to those booked on about a week before each session.

If you would like to attend a webinar but are unavailable on this date please let us know and we'll look into adding another date into the diary.

Please also contact us by email (it.skills@hscic.gov.uk) if you are interested in these sessions but are not yet set up as a centre.

Stuck with an IT Training problem?

Do the sensible thing



This month, Maude has a query from a centre about post learning certification



"Hi Maude. We want our learners to be able to evidence their skill level after learning...."



..... but can't afford to pay for the MOS exams through Prodigy from 1st July. What should we do?"



"We understand that not all centres can carry on with the MOS exams"

"That's why we're creating our own Level 2 & 3 pre and post learning assessments"



"These will work in the same way as they do currently for the entry level and level 1 courses."

"On successful completion of the assessment, learners will be able to print their own 'in house' certificate"



"Works starts on the new assessments in June"



"Thanks Maude"



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