

What is FIT?

The Focus on Information Technology (FIT) program was developed in 2001 by the Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC). FIT is a national program for Grade 11 and 12 students. The program is designed to provide high school graduates with technology and business/entrepreneurial knowledge and with essential workplace skills, and IT-related work experience. The FIT program focuses on

- Developing: employability/essential skills
- Business/entrepreneurship aptitude
- PC maintenance skills
- Technical proficiency

How does FIT work?

In collaboration with ICTC, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has matched the requirements of the FIT program to existing provincial curriculum so that without taking on any extra course load, students may earn FIT certification.

The FIT program uses Prince Edward Island high school courses in business, communication and information technology, and co-op education to help students obtain the knowledge and skills needed for an IT-related career. There are two levels of certification. The Fit Basic certificate recognizes completion of study in a specific combination of four courses during grades 11 and 12. The Fit Experience certificate recognizes the completion of the four courses and at least 220 credit hours of co-op education or equivalent documented and approved volunteer or paid work outside of school in an appropriate IT-related workplace.

High school course requirements that must be successfully completed to qualify for FIT certification include IT Essentials (ITE 801A) and one of Introduction to Business (BUS 701A), Entrepreneurship (ENT 521A) or Economics (ECO 621A). Depending upon student interest two other courses must be completed from among Applied Networking Technology (ANT801A), Creative Multimedia (CMM 801A), Office Management Technologies (OMT801A), Robotics (ROB 801A), Introductory Computer Studies (CMP521A), or Computer Studies (CMP621A).

What will FIT do for me?

The FIT program is valuable for any career path a student chooses as computer information technology is used in every industry and profession. The work skills and experiences acquired through the FIT program are needed in every career. In fact, information technology employers say that work skills and experience are twice as important as technical skills. In addition to work skills and experience, by the end of the FIT program, students have the option to write the Comp TIA A+ industry standard certification exam.

What are the advantages of FIT?

FIT certification is recognized by most businesses in the IT industry and gives you an advantage when applying for employment. CISCO Systems provides a course completion certificate along with a listing of student competencies when the IT Essentials course is completed. For those who receive a mark of over 75% in the course, a further recognition document is provided.

With FIT certification, students may receive entrance recognition points or advanced standing in specific post-secondary programs, giving them a head start in a diploma or degree program. Check with your school FIT program teachers or guidance counsellor for up-to-date information on agreements with post-secondary institutions.

For more information about the FIT program and how it is organized in your school, please see your teacher advisor, guidance counsellor or principal.



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Level of Certification	Requirements for Certification		
	Courses	Minimum 220 Hours Work Experience	
FIT	✓		
FIT Experience	✓	✓	
	4 Credits Required		
Courses	Core 1 Credit	1 Credit	2 Credits
IT Essentials (ITE801A)	✓		
Introduction to Business (BUS701A)		✓	
Entrepreneurship (ENT801A)		✓	
Economics (ECO621A)		✓	
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