

Software company offers ICT skills upgrades for unemployed

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KHANYISA Real Systems (KRS) has launched a software development internship programme for unemployed matriculants and others with a passion for technology.

The Upgrade Yourself programme, which kicks off on July 16, will enable individuals to gain an internationally recognised qualification as a Microsoft-certified technical specialist that will propel them towards a well-paid career in IT, says Steve Randles, MD of KRS.

"We want to train suitable candidates to employ, either at KRS or in the wider ICT industry where there is great demand for IT skills," says Randles.

The first half of the one-year Upgrade Yourself programme, which takes place at KRS's premises, builds a foundation of Microsoft .Net programming and database skills focused on Microsoft C#

and Microsoft SQL Server programming languages. This is reinforced with practical exercises followed by a hands-on six-month internship with KRS as part of a software project team.

"KRS is looking for people passionate about IT. Successful applicants will have an opportunity to work on exciting projects using technology like social networking and the latest software development techniques," says Randles.

The course will also teach business skills important in business processes and systems.

Students will also learn about accuracy, quality, completing projects to set deadlines, teamwork, consistency, dealing with constructive feedback, sometimes dealing with failure, and making changes to meet client or management expectations.

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