



Focus on Jobs

Mr Samuel Gordon – Bromley

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I started my studying in January 2007. At the time I was working a job I despised, for very low wages. I was medically discharged from the British Army several months before, and had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I received an email about SkillsTrain (I still to this day don't know how I got on the mailing list!) and decided to look into it further.

When the agent came to my house, I was worried about the cost. He told me to take a few days and do some research about Cisco and what sort of job roles required a CCNA. When I realised how much employers were willing to pay people with the qualification, I immediately decided to take the course. Six months after I started, I was offered a job in a data centre; I had not yet completed any of my qualifications and did not expect to hear back from them.

When I started the job, I was happy for the first time in my employment career! I got a £7000 pay increase over my previous job, along with putting everything I had learnt into practice. It soon became clear that I knew more about computers than I thought, and quickly became one of the more senior members of the support team. The highlight of this was when a colleague who had a degree in computer studies began to ask me how to do things!

Now, 12 months on, I am coming to the end of my studies. I am currently working in another data centre as a trainee networks engineer. The level of knowledge within the operations team is immense, I feel very proud that I was chosen to become part of that team. I am very happy in my career. As a direct result of taking the training with SkillsTrain, my wages have increased enough to cover my fees 3 times over! That makes paying for the course much easier – the CDF guys have been great. Making the decision to invest in my own future was the best financial decision I've ever made.



Mr Sajid Teladiya – Uxbridge

“Even though I haven't taken the exams yet, I was still able to get a job as a CSO (Computer Support Officer) where I solve problems on the computers and help out processing staff on IT applications.”

As a student of A+ (PC hardware and Maintenance) I have studied throughout and finished most of the assignments with nearly 100% marks. Even though I haven't taken the exams yet, I was still able to get a job as a CSO (Computer Support Officer), where I solve problems on the computers and help out processing staff on IT applications. This is like dream come true. This would have been impossible without doing the course with the college.

Passing the exams will boost my chance to gain an even better job in the IT field. I intended to pass my exam by end of February but I had to rearrange it for some personal reason. Hopefully I will pass the exams with good marks within next couple of months. I know a few people who have done this course with different organisations; they are still finding it difficult to understand the important part of the course. Also they had fewer assignments then what I have completed with the college. When I checked with them and their material, I found that they weren't given the course material with the necessary details. The lack of the information is costing them in terms of the knowledge they obtained for the A+ part. All the admin staffs and tutors are always helpful to me. I have noticed on many occasions that the tutors are always willing to go the extra mile to help me out on any problem with my study and in any practical work I carry out on my home PC, even though sometimes my work is not completely related to the course. I must say that by joining the SkillsTrain I have taken a big step forward for a bright future.



Mr Nathan Strong – Southampton

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Since I started my course with SkillsTrain I have had many achievements, including passing both the CompTIA A Plus and Network Plus examinations and managing my time efficiently, enabling me to study at least 20 hours a week and work fulltime. These achievements have directed me towards the major achievement of securing a job as a Network Analyst, earlier this month. I have been studying towards my CCNA certification through SkillsTrain for about two years now.

I started from the very beginning with the CompTIA A Plus Certification, followed by the CompTIA Network Plus Certification. My background is Marine Fisheries Science, so when I started on the CompTIA A Plus course, I was really starting from the beginning, i.e. that there is more to a PC than just a monitor and keyboard. I really do feel that the structure of the courses; the Tutor Marked Assignments; up to date Literature and Interactive Media has provided a great framework to study around and has given me a realistic edge to the industry.

My achievement has not been at all easy. I have worked really hard and been very dedicated to the courses. It is possible to start from the beginning, as I have found out. My next achievement will be to pass my CCNA and start the CCNP. The SkillsTrain courses work for those who work for it.

Mr Daniel Hobbs – Bristol

“I have been able to use the learning experience to get my job as an Apprentice Developer, where I develop different systems and infrastructures for the company.”

I have progressed greatly in the past few months, and performed well in my TMAs. Since April I have been achieving 100 and 90 marks in my TMAs. Not going lower than 90% and for my written assignment I gained 100%. I have been able to use the learning experience to get my job as an Apprentice Developer, where I develop different systems and infrastructures for the company. From the money that I have made in my apprenticeship, I have just started renting a house in Bristol. I'd like to say thanks too to CDF for the really helpful way the course was financed – everything went really smoothly and the staff were great.

Mr Panchadcharam Kankeyan – London

“I am constantly being asked by potential employers to attend interviews!”

Since joining SkillsTrain I have COMPLETED my CompTIA A+ and since this has happened I have had a new job from British Telecom and I am constantly being asked by potential employers to attend interviews! I am very much looking forward to passing my N+ and my CCNA with SkillsTrain!! I never thought in my life time I'd be motivated to study! Thanks to you SkillsTrain and thanks for arranging the finance through CDF, and the chance to spread the cost of the course at 0% interest, that really worked for me.

Mr Martyn Russell - Middlesex

“Since I completed my CCNA course with SkillsTrain...I’ve got a nice job in British Telecom, and also I recently was promoted as a Broadband Engineer.”

Since I completed my CCNA course with SkillsTrain, my personal development has gone up and up. I've got a nice job in British Telecom, and also I recently was promoted as a Broadband Engineer. So, I hope the SkillsTrain will take me to higher and higher like an Aircraft. Thanks for that.

Mr Paul Waltham – Milton Keynes

“I was offered a new job role at my company after they found out I was taking the courses.”

I have personally found the courses very hard but I have achieved the last 4 TMAs at 100%. The incredible thing is I was offered a new job role at my company after they found out I was taking the courses. Brilliant!



Mr Tomasz Koruch - Coventry

“Currently I am working as 2nd line support technician...the SkillsTrain College not only allows me to achieve recognised certificates therefore get better job, but most importantly makes my dreams come true. I have and I will recommend this College to all of my friends who want to start or continue their IT career.”

I always wanted to work in IT field, therefore after I finished University in Poland, where I studied IT, I decided to move to UK. My dream was to get a good IT job with possibilities to learn something new. I soon realised that knowledge I gathered during my studies doesn't meet minimum required to start any serious IT job.

I searched and applied for many positions with no replies, so I had to take a job irrelevant to my interest. I realised then, that my dream will not come true unless I do something about it. I decided to find a course which allows me develop my skills and move forward. It wasn't easy, as most of the courses available were too expensive and classes time was not convenient - I had to work.

I didn't see myself as a full time student and an employee at the same time, but I kept looking and filled up some course applications. I got a phone call one day, from some college, they asked me questions about my current situation, interests and my plans for the future. We arranged a meeting where I was explained a flexible on-line studying and very suitable payment system. I was given an advice which course I should choose and what my career steps should be. I decided to join The SkillsTrain College.

I started to study for the CompTIA A+ certification. I really enjoyed studying, and after I passed my first certificate, I noticed that this course filled some gaps in my knowledge and here actually I was learning something what I could practice and use resolving every day issues. I started to apply for IT jobs again, and one day received a phone call from a company where I sent a job application form to. They invited me for an interview. The position I applied for was IT Support Assistant. I got this job! and I must say - I have realised that I'm finally on my way. Just a few months later I passed the second certificate - CompTIA N+.

Currently I am working as 2nd line support technician. Studying helps me to face new challenges at work, be more confident, creative and helpful. Every day I resolve issues using backgrounds from A+ and N+ courses. People value my opinion and I am becoming a technical expert as I have always wanted to be. I am on the third and the last level of my courses choice - CCNA, but I already know that I'm going to continue my journey with The SkillsTrain as I have found more interesting courses. Information technology is a field where we can always explore new technologies.

This is one of the reasons which makes it so exiting. I have finally found the right place which shows me the way and gives sources to do it – the finance company (CDF) who supported my application have been big help. The SkillsTrain College not only allows me to achieve recognised certificates therefore get better job, but most importantly makes my dreams come true. I couldn't have done it without the help of SkillsTrain and CDF. I have and I will recommend this College to all of my friends who want to start or continue their IT career. Thank you SkillsTrain.

Mr Donny Kingsley Okoh - Nottingham

“I had been struggling to get a skilled job since, but now, I am proud to say that I just got employed by one of the biggest energy companies in the UK and worldwide. All thanks to SkillsTrain for helping me to brush up my IT skills.”

I enrolled with SkillsTrain believing that I already knew what I needed to know in Information Technology as I already had a Diploma Certificate in Information Technology and was on an ICT Degree Course with the Open University, but I was proved wrong. I had been struggling to get a skilled job since, but now, I am proud to say that I just got employed by one of the biggest energy companies in the UK and worldwide. All thanks to SkillsTrain for helping me to brush up my IT skills. I was able to pass both the written and oral interviews, which were mostly IT based. I am currently undertaking the N+, and soon, I will be starting the CCNA and CCNP. I intend completing them and sitting for the professional exams. Keep it up SkillsTrain.

Mr Matthew Blackmore - Cambridge

“After completing the A+ I began to apply for jobs within IT, my first interview went well and an offer was made, I was delighted - Taking up a course with SkillsTrain has really improved my confidence and given me an excellent career path which is very clear and obtainable.”

I left university with a degree which had no real career path and left me unemployed for several months resulting in depression with no real idea of what I wanted to do with my life. I saw an advert on the internet for IT training through SkillsTrain and decided this may be the way to go. After the initial interview I was very excited about the career prospects and courses available.

I decided I would work from the ground up and with the advice of the SkillsTrain staff, I picked a certification plan which would help me achieve this. After starting my course I began to look for work in IT but was rejected due to lack of experience. I decided to gain an office job to enable me an entry point into the IT industry. After completing the A+ I began to apply for jobs within IT, my first interview went well and an offer was made, I was delighted.

The company I work for were very interested in the course and its benefits to myself and them. I have been given time to study during work and I am now half way through the N+. Since starting this I have been given a rise which can be accredited to the extra knowledge I have learnt from the N+. Taking up a course with SkillsTrain has really improved my confidence and given me an excellent career path which is very clear and obtainable. Thank you.

Mr Richard Kingsley – Chelmsford

“The money associated with the new post is 3 times bigger than what I am currently receiving. Quoting my manager, "You are a talented young man who has the right skills and the right qualifications. That position will suit you". In two weeks time, one of my work mates will be registering with the college because they have found out my secret (SkillsTrain college).”

am not trying to say that I am the only one that has gained from the college; all I am trying to say is that, " I have immensely gained from being a student of the college". I don't know of other people, but I guess might be speaking for other students as well.

First, I got my first major skilled IT job. Next, I was shifted to another department (SQL)-though I don't know much about it. But just for the fact that I already have A+ and N+-all completed from skillstrain college and studying CCNA in my company CV, I was chosen out of 5 staff to move to the new department. Four days ago, my manager convinced me to apply for a new vacancy in a new department and new branch within the company.

The money associated with the new post is 3 times bigger than what I am currently receiving. Quoting my manager, "You are a talented young man who has the right skills and the right qualifications. That position will suit you". In two weeks time, one of my work mates will be registering with the college because they have found out my secret (SkillsTrain college). I have made up my mind that once I finish my IT degree from university this year and equally finish the CCNP programme, I will enrol for further courses with the college. If the college could provide me with the training that helped me get to this level now, then, I want more (sorry that I sound greedy-but I want more training from the college). "SKILLSTRAIN COLLEGE"- tell me a better IT college other than SKILLSTRAIN COLLEGE? SKILLSTRAIN COLLEGE,-You are the first in IT-KEEP IT UP

Mr Simon Davies – Swindon

“...I showed them the A+ N+ course I am doing and they were very much impressed and told me that I got the job straight away...”

This month has been brilliant for me. I have just got a brilliant new job in Vodafone as a customer service representative. I tried for this job last year but I got rejected because I didn't not have any skills or experience. This year I gained the confidence to go again this time I showed them the A+ N+ course I am doing and they were very much impressed and told me that I got the job straight away and I start next month. Furthermore my assignment results came in today I got 100% I am even impressing myself. Can't wait to progress further. I have always been work orientated and this course is so accelerating even for me. Thank you very much to the people who make this course what it is I have gained a lot of confidence in my career and in my own time under no pressure, not like school It's brilliant. Thanks again.

Mr Karl James - Norwich

“I went through a group assessment for this 1 job that almost 100 people applied for. I was pleased with getting to the next interview stage and then successfully got the job.”

Looking for work with the credit crunch at the moment isn't easy, let alone trying to find an IT job at this time. I applied for a job as a Support Analyst for a company. I went through a group assessment for this 1 job that almost 100 people applied for. I was pleased with getting to the next interview stage and then successfully got the job – my SkillsTrain course made the difference as I was the one with the relevant qualification. They were impressed to that I taken up the course on my own initiative. I have now been working there for two months now, and am studying the rest of my course, whilst also going on an ITIL course, funded by my new company.

Mr Craig Lowe – Newton Abbot

“I have set-up in business. I am now operating as a sole trader... I have managed to apply my new knowledge and celebrated my first contract this week. At this rate the course will have paid for itself in no time!”

Having completed the first section of the CIW Web Design Manager course I have set-up in business. I am now operating as a sole trader and managed to juggle my full time job, setting up and registering as a sole trader (bank accounts, tax, accountants, etc.) with the learning.

Despite being competent with computers, I would never have had the confidence of starting my own business without the course. Although there is still quite a way to go before completing the whole course, I have managed to apply my new knowledge and celebrated my first contract this week! Yes, it's only a small website, but it's a start. The response I've had locally from businesses I've contacted has been very positive and I am constantly networking with people, providing advice where possible.

I completed the first project on time and within budget so the client was very happy. Rather than creating free websites for friends/family I now have the confidence to approach "paying" clients. At this rate the course will have paid for itself in no time! Thank You, thank you, thank you. Oh and thank you to CDF for helping me to spread the cost of my course. It was a big decision for me but everything ran so smoothly and wasn't a worry at all.

Miss Lisa Renshaw – Basingstoke

“I would like to say a big thanks to SkillsTrain as the providers of my course because I believe that without this course I would not have been offered my new job.”

I have worked at my currently employment for just over 4 years now starting as a call centre worker. After 3 years I began to feel dissatisfied and wanted more from life, that’s when I decided to take up the CIW webmaster course and make something of my life. I then moved up within the same company and became an administrator. With the current situation of the global recession and companies cutting back my administrator job has come under threat as my employers look at outsourcing to the Far East.

However this has resulted in a great opportunity, as I have now been offered the role of Junior Web Developer within the IT department at my company. This is just fantastic I am absolutely over the moon! Considering I have no practical experience or any formal qualifications as of yet, but what I do have is an eagerness to learn new skills and the determination to work hard and achieve what I want out of life.

I have recently been learning Visual Basic.NET alongside my webmaster course which will give me a great head start and broaden my skill set. I would like to say a big thanks to SkillsTrain as the providers of my course because I believe that without this course I would not have been offered my new job. Over the years I have learned that you don’t always get what you want by just saying it but by doing something to prove you want it and that is what this course has done.



Mrs Oluyemi Odutusin - Uxbridge

“Words alone cannot express how happy I am now and how grateful I am to SKILLSTRAIN for making my life a HUGE success.”

First, I would like to use this opportunity to thank SKILL TRAIN STAFF/TUTORS for turning my life around. I have been struggling before with things in general then it dawned on me that I have to make something out of my life, then I started this course. Today I am contented with what I have achieved so far thanks to SKILL TRAIN.

My friends that I used to go to beg money from now envy me, they even do not believe that am undergoing such a course, but when I showed them the last assignment TMA08 section 2 part A where I got 100% it dawns on them that I am not joking. Now two of them have taken details of the school to start the course too, my husband who was making fun of me before I started too is on the verge of enrolling to improve his business.

My friends in the US have asked me to come and set their website up as well, they are also looking into ways of becoming students as well. Being a wife and mother is not easy when you are working for someone, but now I can be as flexible as I can because I have time for myself and for my job, they don't clash with each other. The school has even made the course much easier because you are not over stretched, initially I was almost blaming myself thinking what have I got myself into, but now I have no regrets whatsoever.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made this course possible at SKILLSTRAIN, to keep the flag flying because the sky is the limit, and on my part with what I have gained I will do all that's possible to let people come and acquire more knowledge in this IT world we find ourselves. I want to say thanks to the guys at CDF who had faith in me and who financed the course. Words alone cannot express how happy I am now and how grateful I am to SKILLSTRAIN for making my life a HUGE success.



Mr Allan Rookyard – Dartford

“I was quick to show him my course syllabus. He took one look at it and was so impressed with the syllabus and my test scores that he gave me the chance and a job.”

After returning from travelling out in America and Canada visiting distant relatives, I found myself returning back home with no job. And with the money I earned whilst working out there now running out I found myself in a bit of a state. I had spoke to a tutor before I went away a year and a half ago and with the exceptional lenience they gave me, I was luckily allowed to go out there and I was told my course wouldn't be affected and would still be there waiting for me to carry on as normal when I returned. It would seem fate intervenced me from returning to another dead job with no prospects, until I finished my course, when I returned my old job I met a new customer; who was soon to become my new boss.

He had just started a new I.T Solutions company. He was, like me, a computer lover and his company specialised in Web Site Design, Computer Repair and also Server Maintenance. When I told him I was looking for a job in something like this he asked me if I had any credentials. Unfortunately though, I had only just started my course and therefore had nothing to show. However, Rob gave me an opportunity to shine asking me to show just what I could do and what I knew and although there was and still a lot of things I was unaware of I was quick to show him my course syllabus. He took one look at it and was so impressed with the syllabus and my test scores that he gave me the chance and a job.

I am so lucky because this will only benefit me in my course and in the real world of employment. I have recently completed two new sites, including a charity for children with all types of illness and also a video media wedding production company. I couldn't have done this had I not signed up to do this course. This is my story, it's been a long and scary year and half, this Christmas will certainly be better than the last and although the money would be very nice, it is not the main thing. I just wanted to take this time to thank you for lenience and kindness in this matter. I honestly am so grateful for this opportunity and this course I am studying as I truly do feel I am going somewhere in my life and career, even in this current time and state of the globe and its economics. So once again thank you!



Mrs Amandeep Chaggar - Lincoln

“Honestly I have no words to say thanks to SkillsTrain and all my tutor team. But still I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to you all...”

Well, I don't know where to start from. This course have given me so much confidence in my professional life and it has changed my personality as well. When I came from India, I tried to find a job here. But because of the lack of relevant qualification and experience I couldn't find any job. So I did some basic certification from some institute and got a job. But that wasn't enough to satisfy me. As I did some certification in Accounts and Bookkeeping before, I was interested to go further in this line.

So after surfing internet and looking into all the organisation I decided to join SkillsTrain. There are couple of reasons why I joined it. First of all I am doing full-time job and don't want to leave it but want to study at same time and this course was suitable for me as it offers me to study in own pace in my own way I want to. It's not expensive either, as I can pay my fee little bit every month. So far I've done 13 assignments and enjoying it a lot.

I am managing home, my job and this course at the same time. I am very satisfied with this course. I always get my course material on time, never late. Not only the organisation but the TUTORS are also very HELPFUL. I always get quick response to all my queries either by phone or email. I have done some of my assignments 2 times, but the tutors always explained to me in a very understanding way that I catch every point after their explanation. Tutors always give good explanation to every point. Honestly I have no words to say thanks to SkillsTrain and all my tutor team. But still I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to you all. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.



Mr Adrian Kawalya - Uganda

“within 2-3 months, I had gotten a job as an Accountant; need I mention that my progressive SkillsTrain course in Computerised Bookkeeping did that for me...”

It was in May 2008 when I made the bold decision to enrol with SkillsTrain for Computerised Bookkeeping with Sage, and since then the rest is history! Having arrived in England, UK in the cold of March 2008, with my family, I pondered how best I could fit into the job market. My prior training and work experiences in accounting and finance were not seemingly giving me headway in my search for the right job in the UK, having relocated from Uganda. Within the space of two months and frantic job searching through various internet search engines, I was finally able to identify SkillsTrain as the number one option to enrol with and hence advance my career prospects. I signed the online request form, and indicated the best time for a Supervisor/Advisor to pay me a house visit. A few days shortly after, I met a SkillsTrain Supervisor/Advisor, at my residence. It was informal and yet official, friendly and yet meeting the objective. The gentleman encouraged me greatly that with a SkillsTrain qualification, my chances of finding employment would greatly increase. It was a wonderful blessing when, after having spoken with him for about thirty minutes; he offered me the chance to do a spot-test, which I passed. Thereafter we went through the registration process and payments, I was handed my first study booklet...and I have never looked back since.

In August 2008, I landed a job, and I believe it was on the basis of the skills and training of SkillsTrain that I was acquiring, and given that the hiring organization was in need of a payroll officer who could handle Sage Payroll and Sage Accounts. This was the first stepping stone, because now I was earning! Towards December 2008 I had to come to terms with the differing weather patterns of England, compared to where I was coming from, Uganda. The weather became rather too harsh and unbearable for my family and I, and as such my studies slowed down through the 2008 Christmas season, there was the occasional cold and cough, and as much as I wanted to study through the holiday season, the change in weather and environment actually did affect my mindset. I was away from my home, Uganda, and so this was definitely a new and yet unique experience. Well due to a change in family circumstances, we had to recently travel back to Uganda, and within 2-3 months, I had gotten a job as an Accountant; need I mention that my progressive SkillsTrain course in Computerised Bookkeeping did that for me? Another great thing is that SkillsTrain has continued to support me; the online portal is wonderful, my Tutor Team B is remarkable, though international phone calls are expensive, they are still available to respond to my every “academic” need via the webmail facility. They have been a great motivator, even when I think I could have dropped out much earlier along the way, they were there, urging me on. The user-friendly web-based student world interface has kept me going, the updates are reviewed and maintained by the Administration Team, the courier/postal services are just on time, and so much more. The progressive training I am getting from SkillsTrain is helping me move ahead in my career as an Accountant (even before completing the course), and has earned me great recognition in my work place. My enhanced skills in administering and managing financial resources are greatly valued. It is true that UK skills of academic training are unquestioned, and yet highly regarded. Well, here we are, December 2009- Christmas is here again, and this time, I am even more confident that I am going to have myself a time of memorable grandeur with my family, will enjoy the beautiful sunshine in Uganda, relaxation from work, and most of all, the chance to continue studying at my own pace through the festive season. I am eager to celebrate this Christmas season with my family, without a care of what the future job market holds, because I know I am going way ahead with SkillsTrain.

I desire to keep on enriching my experiences with the knowledge and applications learnt from SkillsTrain, and to determine to achieve greater heights in the New Year 2010 and ahead. I am hoping to complete my course in the next one month, hopefully by the end of January 2010. However, until then, here's wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, and all the best for SkillsTrain as you continue empowering all of us.

Miss Donna Oji - Birmingham

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started the Book Keeper (Sage Line 50) course with SkillsTrain having no knowledge of book keeping. SkillsTrain are very supportive thorough out my course training. I used to work in a call centre which for me was not very fulfilling and the pay was basic but with the knowledge given to me by SkillsTrain in my course, I have been able to get a job as a book keeper for a company which is very fulfilling and the salary is great! As a mother to a twenty months old child, having a career prospect is very important to me and SkillsTrain have given me the ability to be independent thorough their career training. Thanks SkillsTrain for making me have a good future.



Mr Kevin Bristow - Hinckley

“With the knowledge I have learnt so far I have been able to change my job...”

When I first started this course I was in a job that just involved in building PCs/servers. I wanted to expand my knowledge in computers and that's why I chose to do a MCSE course. Since doing this course I have gained a lot of knowledge and more confidence in the network and server side.

With the knowledge I have learnt so far I have been able to change my job and I am now doing a helpdesk support role and when I have finished my course I will be moved to network technician. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone there who's helped me through the course including the staff at CDF who were a great help, I don't think I would've made it as far as I have.

Mr Christopher Townsend - Bristol

“...the knowledge I have gained from SkillsTrain has helped me get my dream job...”

I have been in a dead end job for the past 2 years, stacking shelves, carrying customer's heavy purchases and constantly being nice even to the most obnoxious customers. I had finished my A+, but found it difficult to find the right job. So I started on my MCSA and this has seemed to open doors and opportunities, even though I'm only a fifth of the way through.

I recently got the job I was hoping for because they could see that I'm working towards my goals and will get the right qualification. The job is in digital signage and interactive media, the knowledge I have gained from SkillsTrain has helped me get my dream job. Just in time for their Christmas party too. Merry Christmas SkillsTrain.

Mr Dennis De Guzman - Colchester

“After just two months of commencing my CompTIA A+ with SkillsTrain, I was able to move across to a job as a Junior Help Desk Analyst.”

I am very pleased with my decision to change my career into IT after having been in the Human Resources field for 10 years. After just two months of commencing my CompTIA A+ with SkillsTrain, I was able to move across to a job as a Junior Help Desk Analyst. I now feel more secure in my current role, knowing that only I can stop myself from progressing to a more professionally and financially rewarding career. I could not be any happier. Thanks SkillsTrain.

Mr Ghulman Qaderi - Fareham

“...they asked me for interview so they were really impressed by my MCSE material and they offered me a job...”

Before starting my course with SkillsTrain I had always dreamed to become an IT Engineer in the future, so when I start MCSE course with SkillsTrain at the beginning I found it a bit far to reach my goal, but after completing my A+, N+ I thought I had found the goal I was looking for.

I was working in Coopervision as a Production Operator, very recently they had a vacancy for general admin assistant, I thought let's try my luck here. I have phoned them and they asked me for interview so they were really impressed by my MCSE material and they offered me a job as a general admin assistant and I was really pleased and thanked the SkillsTrain, so no more production operator which I was really bored off. Many, many thanks SkillsTrain.

Mr Carey Walton – Wellington. N.Z.

“When I think back to how desperately unhappy I was in my previous career it feels quite good that I have completely changed paths and am now becoming successful in my new career.”

I have just passed my N+ exam. I started studying with SkillsTrain over 3 years ago and successfully completed both A+ exams before emigrating to New Zealand 2 years ago. My partner and I have had a third child in this time and my study progress has been slow.

got my first IT job on service desk in Oct 2007 and have learned a great deal "hands on" which has helped to crystallise a lot of theoretical knowledge. I am currently employed as an Operations Shift Leader in what is New Zealand's newest and best data centre.

My study achievements are relatively modest on paper however the combination of both work experience and theoretical knowledge cannot be understated in this industry. When I think back to how desperately unhappy I was in my previous career it feels quite good that I have completely changed paths and am now becoming successful in my new career. The five year plan is coming together nicely! And it's all thanks to great support from start to finish, the staff there are very professional. Well Done!

Mr Clive Pooley - Reigate

“Last year I signed up with SkillsTrain and passed my N+ in December. I have since got a job as a Support And Systems Engineer...”

After 20 years in Reinsurance (Insurance) working for Lloyds' Brokers and Underwriters , I had had enough of slogging up to London every day. I had always had IT (computers) as a hobby starting with the VIC 20, BBC Micro and Amiga in the '80s and decided that if I could turn my hobby into a profession I might be happier.

Last year I signed up with SkillsTrain and passed my N+ in December. I have since got a job as a Support And Systems Engineer with a very reputable firm in Crawley. I now drive to work through the countryside and enjoy what I do (regardless of my current salary). I am being encouraged to continue with my MCSA/MCSE and I have a renewed sense of purpose! Thank you to all at SkillsTrain and I must mention the kind staff at CDF who helped me enormously through some tough months.

Mr Graeme Lyle - Peterborough

“I now earn far more than I did before and receive double digit pay rises. I am going to the US next month to install a new network which will substantially increase our standing in the industry.”

I have studied with SkillsTrain for the last 6 years and first enrolled on the PC installation & maintenance course where I gained CompTIA A+ and N+ as well as City & Guilds and ACP certifications. I enrolled with the college again in September 2005 for the CCNA/CCNP course and in August 2006 I gained my CCNA certification. In February 2007 I started a new career as a Cisco Network Engineer with a satellite communications provider where my working life has been transformed.

I have kept up the studying and I have steadily been working through the CCNP course. Today I passed the CCNP ONT exam which now means I have gained CCNP certification. To say I am over the moon is an understatement. The company I work for are expanding very quickly and are now one of the major players in the satellite communication industry. I now earn far more than I did before and receive double digit pay rises. I am going to the US next month to install a new network which will substantially increase our standing in the industry. I have even been to Monaco rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous and staying in 5 star hotels and all part of the job. I could not have imagined all this 6 years ago and it goes to show that hard work can and does pay off. Thanks to all at SkillsTrain who have helped me over the years to really turn things around.

Mr Christopher Taylor – Edinburgh

“... due to my network+ results and enthusiasm my employers (Siemens) have given me the opportunity to "shadow" their network engineers involved in the design and implementation of the network for the new headquarters of BBC SCOTLAND - and my hard work and enthusiasm are paying off already as my employers have also agreed to reimburse 50% of my course fees...”

On December 22nd I sat and passed with a result of 100% my CompTIA network+, which I was over the moon about. This was my first step into the world of networking and after a well deserved festive season break I began work on my CCNA mid January. I have just received my TMA1 result-100%-again I am over the moon. My TMA2 has been submitted today and I am confident I will maintain a high % result with this and all of my CCNA work.

I had wanted to begin work on the CCNA earlier in January. However, due to my network+ results and enthusiasm my employers (Siemens) have given me the opportunity to "shadow" their network engineers involved in the design and implementation of the network for the new headquarters of BBC SCOTLAND. This is a great opportunity which I have embraced. However it has had a negative effect on my study timetable.

Perseverance has helped me achieve a great TMA1 result which I am very proud of. Apparently my hard work and enthusiasm are paying off already as my employers have also agreed to reimburse 50% of my course fees upon completion of the CCNA. This is a huge incentive and coupled with the BBC network exposure is making my learning experience fantastic, albeit more difficult to keep up myself imposed study schedule. I have even managed to setup a small home/wireless network for my brother and sister-in-law (only two PCs, but we all have to begin somewhere!).

The CCNA while being difficult has evoked more enthusiasm from me than anything has done for many years. Hence my 9-6 job and "extra" activities with the Siemens network engineers has not and will not slow down my learning curve. I would like to thank you all for your help throughout.



Mr David Andrews – Northampton

“I was selected from a shortlist of employees within my company and am now progressing closer to reaching my goal to become a fully active member of the IT team within one of the biggest network providers in the world!”

After giving up my regular job as a postman due to an injury I took up a CCNA course to assist me in understanding, within my current job in the mobile industry, the systems we use and why and how problems arise relating to software/hardware and general IT issues that occur on a regular basis. Not only have I been able to solve a lot of these issues myself without the need for them to be raised to our IT department, I have also developed a skill that seems to be sought after and deemed very useful within my workplace.

As a result, I have now been offered a role within our IT department that consists of diagnosing and resolving issues raised on a daily basis, reducing the workload within my department. I feel the course has had a definite impact in me achieving this position as I mentioned my current studies and what it consists of. I was selected from a shortlist of employees within my company and am now progressing closer to reaching my goal to become a fully active member of the IT team within one of the biggest network providers in the world! All good, and thanks to me taking the initiative to partake in a SkillsTrain online learning course.

Many thanks SkillsTrain, I only wish I had done this years ago!



Adeyinka Adeyanju - Derby

“The company has shown me there is a brighter future for me and I know that, this is just a stepping stone to a greater high in my life.”

I started my Cisco certified network associate (CCNA) in January 2008 of which I have finished my A+ and I am about to answer the last part of my N+ (revision supplement part b). I started on a brilliant performance on most of my assignments which have really helped me in my work place. I worked as an inspector of the railway where most of my works require reports writing basically done on the computer.

I was in the office with my colleagues sometimes back in September this year where everyone was on the computer writing out their reports when suddenly the system lost its connection from the network server. Everyone was not happy about the incident. It was at this point, I said to myself I can be of relevance because none of them knew I have the knowledge. Most of them were about going home with a disappointment while I said to them if they could wait for some minutes in order to rectify the problem. I was told not to put myself in an unnecessary situation as there is no one that could resolve the problem among us.

I said, well just bear with me for some minutes while they waited and see what I was up to. I started with one of the method I really love so much in troubleshooting network (asid) which is acquire, simplify, implement and document. I started by using the drivers that are on the drivers disk that were shipped with the network interface card (NIC). I made sure the driver was loaded and the protocols were bound. I tested the NIC adapter with the diagnostic utilities that often came with the driver installation. I make sure the network cable was securely attached at both rj45 connections (adapter and hub). I checked the LED lights were on the NIC and finally the system was up and running with the help of the administrator as well.

My colleagues were all over praising me for a well done job. I was overwhelmed by this achievement because it was a huge success that was recognised by the managing director. I was nominated for the staff of the month and equally given a free day travel to any place of my choice paid for. I have attended some meetings with the managements and I have been told that, come the 19th of December this year, I shall be awarded with the best performance staff of the year. My colleagues have been coming for enquiries as to where I am receiving my lessons. I told them, it is from SkillsTrain computer training college. Some of them were looking forward to register in due course. I am very grateful for all the staff and my tutors for their relentless efforts to seeing me up till this stage of my course. The company has shown me there is a brighter future for me and I know that, this is just a stepping stone to a greater high in my life.



Mr Richard Skeel - London

“I was thrilled just to be getting an interview for this type of role, remembering how far I'd come. I got a call back for a second interview, where the IT manager was very impressed with the A+ and N+ on my CV and pleased to hear how the CCNA was coming along. A phone call later on the same day confirmed I'd got the job and beaten off some more experienced interviewees...from unemployed and unemployable, to Incident manager in 2 years. Thank you Skills-Train and all the college staff involved who made it happen”

Pastures New! Promotion! Career! Prospects! All words I'd come to forget 2 years ago! I was out of work, fast approaching 30 with 2 young children and my elderly grandmother to care for and had lost my lust for life believing it to have past me by! I needed direction! It came in the form of SkillsTrain. A chance stop at the SkillsTrain website one evening, a single phone call, a single visit from an caring and knowledgeable SkillsTrain agent and I was on the road to recovery!

I started studying on the 1st January with a New Year's resolution to improve my life and thereby also improving those lives around me. With little IT background I was correctly advised to learn from the ground up with the excellent A+ with which I gained a solid understanding of the inner workings of a PC and the peripherals that went with one, hey now I can count in binary:0)

I started to enjoy life once more and threw myself into study, while incorporating the school run, shopping, caring for my grandmother etc.. In this time I also got a part time job in a warehouse, it wasn't much but too me it was a big stepping stone to the future. Midway through the year I began the N+ and now things were hotting-up and getting more difficult however this just made me more determined to study harder. During this time I was sending of TMAs regularly and during the N+ getting more wrong than right! But with the excellent tutoring provided by the college staff via both phone, e-mail and notes made on the TMAs I systematically improved and re-took any unsuccessful TMAs until I got them right and more importantly understood where I had gone wrong.

So that brings me onto this year. How has SkillsTrain improved my life this year? Well at the start of the year I was still working in the warehouse and had just moved onto studying CCNA. I had been slowly gaining my confidence back and at this point, felt proud enough of myself to start sending out CVs and trying to sell myself and the new knowledge I had gained. It all came together in April this year, when I got an interview for a first line systems helpdesk analyst. I was thrilled just to be getting an interview for this type of role, remembering how far I'd come. I got a call back for a second interview, where the IT manager was very impressed with the A+ and N+ on my CV and pleased to hear how the CCNA was coming along. A phone call later on the same day confirmed I'd got the job and beaten off some more experienced interviewees.

The reason was simple, I had studied with a recognised institute in the IT field and that speaks volumes. All the same I realised the company has gone out on a limb employing someone with little real world experience, although the training at SkillsTrain is as close as you can get! So I threw myself into work as I had my studying and began to impress, which wasn't that hard because I'd had the best training and

experience. I began feel comfortable using my learned knowledge and adding it to my new skills being learnt every day. After each day when work was over and I had made dinner for the children and bathed and put them too bed, I still made time to study, even for just a short while, not wanting to lose momentum even for a moment.

I began the second half of my CCNA midway through the year, all the time working as an analyst in a Citrix environment dealing with basic password resets etc.. I knew if I kept at my study it would once again pay off.....It did! Recently our company has merged with another who provides managed services and now my company has formed a new Networking helpdesk called Service Management Centre (SMC) on which I have been promoted too as an Incident Manager (first line escalation/2nd line), so will now be using my networking and CCNA skills on a daily basis.

When I think how far I've come from last year to this year and now from this year to next year, I wonder where I'll be in years to come. From unemployed and unemployable, to Incident manager in 2 years. Thank you Skills-Train and all the college staff involved who made it happen (you know who you are:0)



Mr Adam East - Bexhill

“Thanks to just the first few modules of the course I have been able not only to help the gentleman keep his ability to keep his job but I am now being given the opportunity at work to take on more computer enquiries and troubleshooting thus making sure I have job security in an uncertain retail business period.”

For the last year I have been working for an electronics company which among other things has a computer section that covers all the components required for home computing and small business. Although I previously had some technical knowledge it has been difficult to deal with customer enquiries regarding detailed aspects of computers including PSUs, graphic cards, networking and the troubleshooting of hardware failures.

Due to what I have learnt on the CompTIA A+ course already I have been able to solve a number of problems for customers that I would not have previously been able to do. One situation in particular concerned a gentleman who relied completely on his computer for his livelihood. After adding a new graphics card to his computer he was advised by another local Nationwide computer retail chain on changing his PSU to provide enough power for the additional card. A few days later his computer started to smell of burning and failed completely. After finding no help with the retailer and being quite frustrated and worried that he could not afford a new computer he came to us looking for advice.

After our initial discussion and my recent module on PSUs it seemed clear that his PSU he had been advised to get was either faulty or inadequate for the task. Once an inspection of the computer could be done I identified the graphics card and its own power requirements as well as the rest of the computer's components. The card required 20 amps more than the PSU he had been advised to get could provide. From this and what I had learned I was able not only to recommend an appropriate PSU but fit it and checked that no permanent damage had occurred.

Up to this point I had been supervising Audio Visual and Public Address enquiries. Thanks to just the first few modules of the course I have been able not only to help the gentleman keep his ability to keep his job but I am now being given the opportunity at work to take on more computer enquiries and troubleshooting thus making sure I have job security in an uncertain retail business period. Thank you for the chance to do this course and the gentleman I helped thanks you too!



Mr Bobby Sibiya – Telford

“The biggest achievement was helping replace and network about 32 computers for an organisation I volunteer for in Ipswich.”

I have achieved a few things this month, but these things have been very significant towards the direction of my life as a Cisco network engineer. I managed to finish part A of the 1st section of my course with very good marks on my TMAs, and I also helped 4 people troubleshoot and fix minor problems on their computers using the ASID technique of trouble shooting. The biggest achievement was helping replace and network about 32 computers for an organisation I volunteer for in Ipswich. And because I did not need much help or explanations [thank to SkillsTrain] it only took just 2 of us to do the job i.e. the IT guy for the organisation and me.

Mr Vijay Talsania - Bradford

“...I have now found myself a job with an electronics company...thanks to SkillsTrain I am able to study and work full time and achieve my full potential.”

I started with skills at the end of January. During this time I was also looking for employment within the IT industry. With great pleasure I have now found myself a job with an electronics company. With this great advantage I am able to work and study for my A+ at the same time and get the necessary experience I need. Thanks to SkillsTrain I am able to study and work full time and achieve my full potential.



Mr Charles Imani - Birmingham

“Recently a businessman I meet through a friend during a conference offered me an interview when I told him about my studies. I went along not expecting much and came away with a job offer. My skills in computers are getting better and my prospects in technology are like start of a new dawn.”

When I started my A+/N+ training I had difficulties with concentration for at least 30min. Due to some family hardships I had been dealing with it was even worse to carry on studying. I realised how an opportunity it would be in changing my life by persevering in pursuing my goals with this course.

Today I have gained respect at work because I help my work mates and family friends with issues they encounter when working on their PCs. Recently a businessman I meet through a friend during a conference offered me an interview when I told him about my studies. I went along not expecting much and came away with a job offer. My skills in computers is getting better and my prospects in technology are like start of a new dawn. All the money I used to spend on IT technicians is now staying in my pocket. I love this course. And on the subject of money I want to say a quick thank you to the staff at CDF who really helped me sort out my money problems.

Mr Joseph Watson - Cardiff

“...I received an offer from a computer company to work as an engineer... due to the skills I have learnt it has taken me a matter of only 2 months to be sent out on field calls...”

Studying with SkillsTrain has totally changed my outlook on my career, I was previously working as an engineering technician basically testing IT equipment for 3 ½ years before deciding that a change was needed. I left my job in September 2008 which was a major risk in itself due to the impending recession and other factors and decided that I was going to get qualified to help progress my career further.

I got in touch with SkillsTrain and signed up for 2 courses A+ and N+ as I felt these would suit my needs most. After leaving my job I did temporary work here and there whilst looking for a field engineering job. Due to the fact of me having to work all kinds of different hours I found it hard to settle down and study, this was shown by the fact I only completed 5 TMAs in 4 months. I was struggling a bit with the repayments to CDF at this time but they were really kind and a great help – they kept me on track.

After applying for numerous jobs I finally received an offer from a computer company to work as an engineer starting on the 5th January, since then I have been working hard to settle down due to the fact I had some stability and not much to worry about and have since completed another 6 TMAs in the month of February and have completed the 1st section on my course.

Due to the skills I have learnt it has taken me a matter of only 2 months to be sent out on field calls for the company and have also taken over the duties of looking after the IT equipment of a company who is contracted to us. I have made progress a lot quicker than expected and I thank SkillsTrain for that.

Mr Steven Bulmer – Milton Keynes

“They are aware I’m not yet qualified and may not be the best person for the job, but are giving me a chance anyway. They have even offered to pay...”

I’ve recently taken up netball, playing with friends, colleagues from work and local residents. I have talked about my course while socialising and they have recently asked me to design and create their new web site. They are aware I’m not yet qualified and may not be the best person for the job, but are giving me a chance anyway. They have even offered to pay which would be nice, as I recently also got married and not had the funds for a honeymoon. My wife, as an art student is looking forward to assisting with the graphical part of the design and would love a new computer to work alongside me at home.

Mr Shaun Pritchard - Leicester

“I have just got a new job as a Teaching Assistant, supporting children with special educational needs, in their ICT lessons. The knowledge I have gained so far in this course has been so valuable to me...”

I feel that I have achieved more than I thought possible this month. I have just got a new job as a Teaching Assistant, supporting children with special educational needs, in their ICT lessons. The knowledge I have gained so far in this course has been so valuable to me and has enabled me to gain new skills to pass onto children and young people. It feels great to be able to use what I know to help others, even though I'm still learning myself.



Mr Brian McCandless - Stoke

“I have now been put in charge of maintaining these functions, and as I progress I will have various opportunities for improvement and responsibility within the company...”

I work for an IT Hardware and Networking Equipment broker. While my skills are not technically based in relation to this particular role (I don't set up and monitor servers and such like) my ability to source products quickly and access information on the Internet is. After the first couple of sections contained in the CIW course I was able to apply what I had learned to my job, and show other members of my purchasing team an easier faster more accessible way of working.

I downloaded Internet Explorer 7 on all their workstations and showed them how tabbed browsing works, because they were always complaining about having to open up nine or ten browser windows, now all they need is one open. I also showed them how to set the browser cache files so their computers ran a bit faster, and how to do various other tasks such as clearing browser history, for which they didn't know how to do, cookie settings to allow them to be automatically handled and generally make their job a bit easier when it came to the accessing of info from the Internet.

My boss was pleased with this as he has no time to do it, it stopped people complaining to him about it, and generally made the research, information and surfing side of the dept jobs a bit easier. I have now been put in charge of maintaining these functions, and as I progress I will have various opportunities for improvement and responsibility within the company, all because I managed to apply something from the course to my daily working life. I am really enjoying the course and studying and I am positive in the fact that this will open more doors and job improvement for me in the coming weeks and months.

Mr Andrew Givens – Dudley

“I've just got a promotion with my current employer... something that would not have been possible without the course...”

I've just got a promotion with my current employer. The job involves creating a dedicated network and creating web sites, something that would not have been possible without the course and information I have gained whilst studying with SkillsTrain. Although I am not yet half way through the course the company has realized that offering me the job will save money and the cost of training another person up. Promotion also includes a pay rise which given the current economic climate will make this Christmas a more relaxed and enjoyable time of year. So thanks to SkillsTrain college and also the finance company CDF for backing me and funding my study. Brilliant!

Mr Luis Tavares – Hull

“...with the skills that I have now, I applied for a couple of new jobs and from 5 months ago I'm working as IT support...”

It all started on day that SkillsTrain offered me a chance to change my life, which was what I was looking for by then, what I didn't know was which way to turn, and then you came along and showed me the way. I was working as a line technician, of a food processing company on the night shift, when every night it was even more difficult to get up from bed than the other one and I kept telling myself I have to change this, all I needed to do is be patient now it wouldn't be much longer because I've already started studying. I didn't think I'd be able to afford the course but that was all sorted out for me through CDF – it wasn't a problem at all.

And so, I changed my curriculum vitae with the skills that I have now, I applied for a couple of new jobs and from 5 months ago I'm working as IT support. And thanks to SkillsTrain that showed me the way, this Christmas is definitely a better Christmas, actually my Christmas started early. But this is not my goal yet, if I may I wonder if there is software developer course or programmer course so that once more you can lead the way, because I want to be a developer. Thanks SkillsTrain.

Mr James Filby – Ilford

“...my first paid web design job: a corporate site for a multi-million pound vocational training company...”

Thanks to SkillsTrain and the Master CIW Web Design Manager course, I have recently completed my first paid web design job: a corporate site for a multi-million pound vocational training company. Before embarking on the course, I wouldn't have had anywhere near the experience, or confidence to tackle a job this big.

I've got to say the organisation was very smooth and everything ran faultlessly – even the finance wasn't a problem and the people at Career Development Finance were friendly to all in all a great experience all round.



Miss Paulina Awini - Preston

“I discussed my study with management in my company and I was readily accepted into the payroll office three weeks later...”

I wanted to take a course to help me get a good job. I opted for SkillsTrain and the turning point started when my course advisor visited me. She deeply motivated me with the entire package SkillsTrain had to offer and the opportunities that awaited me.

I discussed my study with management in my company and I was readily accepted into the payroll office three weeks later, where I am being trained on the job. I consider this as a great stepping stone into my future career. I am highly impressed at the practical nature of the course which makes learning very easy and enjoyable. I feel I have made the right choice by studying with SkillsTrain and look forward to a brighter future.

Mrs Julia Jones - Eastbourne

“I have also initiated and created with the help of our local web designer a website for my husband's golf coaching business and setting up this new part of his business.”

I am a 40 year old mum with 3 children under 7 (1 only in nursery 3 days a week). I also work with my husband in his business as a Golf Coach and Professional at a Golf Club. I have come into his business from my old position as a law cost draftsman and since joining him in March last year I have brought in numerous controls to stop wastage, and budget the stock purchases in his shop. I also manage his other outlet at another local club and have prepared cash flow forecasts and business plans. I also deal with the newsletters via email and maintain the database. I have no previous knowledge of any of these and have learnt as I have gone along (sometimes making mistakes).

I have also initiated and created with the help of our local web designer a website for my husband's golf coaching business and setting up this new part of his business. My husband works weekends and evenings often and I often work from home as well as studying I do find it very hard to find quite time but I think considering all of the above my grades are quite good. I am quite hard on myself when I don't get 100% and did notice my grades had dropped over the last a few assignments to at the lowest 80% but my last assignment which I did find quite hard came back at 100% which I was so pleased with. I do not usually blow my own trumpet but my husband kept on at me until I agreed to write this. He thinks I'm doing a good job! Great job apparently! Also doing a great job are the finance team at CDF, they really know their stuff.

Mr Antoni Cornish - Tamworth

“Thank you SkillsTrain for the best opportunity ever.”

Having completed my first section of the MCSE course, I am proud to have achieved 90% 98% 93% & 80%. I was once given a choice of continuing my education or taking an opportunity at a career, I took what I thought to be an amazing opportunity I took the job, working as key member of a small digital print company.

After nine years of self teaching and a constant ambition to be the top of my area, I am now the complete IT department for one of the country's largest digital print suppliers, my own designed software is in use in over 600 offices nationwide, my unique automation of EFI Rips is proving its worth. BUT none of that means anything to me, because I have no qualifications, SkillsTrain has now given me the opportunity of a lifetime, the ability to prove to myself that I know my stuff, but even more than that, they are helping me earn the knowledge that has passed me by. I am so proud to have achieved 90% 98% 93% 80% in my first four TMA's. With their amazing support, I will continue to improve and learn more about the wonderful dynamic world of Computing. Thank you SkillsTrain for the best opportunity ever.

Miss Rahat Ali – Reading

“...I can see my career pushing forward, and can see where I hope to be in 10yrs time, and it's a great thought...”

Last week I managed to get myself in touch with LG technology innovations. And before that, I had an interview with Microsoft computing, and was called back for a second interview.

I am currently working at LG as a part-time employee and have started a job with them as an administrator working on their systems. Microsoft had no issues with me working for them except I complete the training course and then can apply for an MCSA administrator within their company. I since was fishing for employment to get a "foot on the ladder", so I could progress and be able to get used to the environment. Luckily, as mentioned, I did get in to LG and now hope to progress within their company so I can get hands on experience.

I can see my career pushing forward, and can see where I hope to be in 10yrs time, and it's a great thought! Once again, I would like to thank everyone at SkillsTrain and advise everyone who is out there to get on a SkillsTrain programme, and then to keep it up, it's worth the effort! From the college staff right through to the finance team at CDF, everyone is so knowledgeable and approachable. Thank you all.

Mr Masuad Atcha - Batley

“After securing the job I dedicated my time to revise and take the public exam in September which I have now passed.”

Through difficult times, I have managed to pass my N+ exam and I'm progressing to the MCSA part of my course. The knowledge I gained during the N+ section allowed me to apply for a 2nd Line Technical Support Role for a very well known ISP.

Thankfully I have secured the position and hope to progress even further. It has been difficult managing work and then making time for studies. After securing the job I dedicated my time to revise and take the public exam in September which I have now passed. I am now looking forward to completing the MCSA certification.

Mr Kevin Ginnever - Rotherham

“Because of what I have learnt on the course, combined with prior knowledge of CCTV, I was successful in getting the job. They attributed this to my present qualification in CCTV, but more importantly the training I am currently undertaking.”

In April 2009, I applied for a new job with a Local Council for the position of Supervisor in a CCTV control room. Although I already held qualifications in management of CCTV, I decided to include the fact that I was studying for 3 I.T. related qualifications in the application.

I was invited to an interview where I was able to show the course work I was currently studying and material on the next two courses. More importantly I was able to show them my TMA results, with 17 out of 21 being 100%. The Council are currently in the process of changing over from an analogue to fully digital system, utilising the latest in I.P network systems.

Because of what I have learnt on the course, combined with prior knowledge of CCTV, I was successful in getting the job. On my first day I met with the manager who stated that I was the first in for interview and set the benchmark for the rest, with no-one coming near. They attributed this to my present qualification in CCTV, but more importantly the training I am currently undertaking and the qualifications I will hopefully achieve in A+, N+ and MCSE.

This, they felt, was of great use to them with the new system coming on-line in the next couple of months, with myself as the administrator. It also means I get valuable hands on training with the contractors, overseeing the installation of the system. Although I have taken quite a big reduction in pay to get this job, I see it as a worthwhile investment in the long run. I now have more time to dedicate to studying, as well as moving in to a job I wouldn't even have thought possible for at least another 1-2 years.

Mr Dylan Giles-Webb - Aberdeen

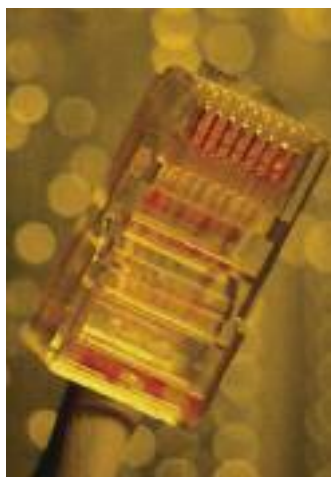
“I’ve just got a new better IT job because my prospective employers favoured applicants who are studying...”

I’ve just got a new better IT job because my prospective employers favoured applicants who are studying with qualifications because they see an individual who is committed and ambitious. I think that fact that I am busy studying for my CCIE and MCSE helped me a lot in gaining this new employment. I would like to say thanks for producing such great courses. Were it not for SkillsTrain, I know my future would be looking bleak. As it is, I can look forward to the future with confidence.

Mr Christopher McGowan - Edinburgh

“I landed a full time IT Support job with my now current employer who was impressed with my commitment to the course.”

After a few months studying for the Network+ exam I landed a full time IT Support job with my now current employer who was impressed with my commitment to the course. I have now passed the exam and am certified and now have the chance of a promotion because of this.



Mr Matt Cartlidge – Stoke

“...but even before passing my CCNA exam, just the fact that I had nearly finished it was enough to get a decent pay rise and start at a company called Wedgwood in Stoke-on-Trent.”

Hi there, I thought I would share my achievements with you all as I am sure I couldn't have done it without SkillsTrain! It probably taken me longer than most because I've had to work full time throughout the training course, but even before passing my CCNA exam, just the fact that I had nearly finished it was enough to get a decent pay rise and start at a company called Wedgwood in Stoke-on-Trent.

It is a well-established company and someone who I am proud to work for. They recognise that this Cisco qualification is well worth having and appreciate how much work needs to go in to it. A few weeks at Wedgwood and some more days of hard studying and I passed my CCNA exam without having to even start the final semester. I am very proud of my achievements so far and I am eager to now start my CCNP.

The Network+ exam seems a distant memory but that was the stepping stone I needed. And today, I have been offered an interview for an even better Network Engineer job which is also in Stoke-on-Trent. I feel like things couldn't really get any better and I am now extremely motivated to continue my studies. I've never even had to phone up and hassle anyone at SkillsTrain or CDF! Lastly, thanks to everyone there for helping and keeping it running smoothly for me. All the best!

Mr Juraj Nagy - Cambridge

“In October 2008 successfully finished CCNA1 and the same month applied for a job at NHS, as Computer Support Technician...I got the job at NHS.”

I started study in March 2008. In September 2008 finished the CompTIA N+ certificate and moved on the CCNA course. In October 2008 successfully finished CCNA1 and the same month applied for a job at NHS, as Computer Support Technician. I've got circa 10 years experience as a PC field technician back in my country - Slovakia. In January 2009 I got the job at NHS - Pembury Hospital as a Computer 2nd line Support Technician. I'm about to complete my CCNA3 and hopefully this year will complete the whole CCNA course. I study hard every day at least 1-2 hours. I really enjoy working with the packet tracer and get all the help & support from the SkillsTrain Tutors Team. Thank you very much. Best regards

Mr Edward Douse - Northampton

“Once complete and documented the RAF have said that they will provide a support contract for the software and any future releases of it.”

Since starting the course (C# Programming). I have playing around developing several small applications that help with work. I have now completed several applications that work has endorsed as highly required. One of the larger applications, allows staff to set predefined Advanced NTFS permissions on folder. Add multiple users to multiple groups on an NT4 domain. Any folder created with this program is recorded in a Database for auditing purposes.

This program also allows Domain Users to submit files for archiving from their desktop, which sends data to the main applications database where staff in the IT section can respond to the request. All jobs are recorded with who does what and when. I am also going to be working on web front end for the software. Other smaller apps, take a folder structure written in Excel and creates all the required folders and again audits them into a relational database. I have had great fun writing these applications and learning more and more about the .NET Framework. It hasn't been easy with work commitments doubling as my main role is actually a Manager of 26 servers and 2 SANs. So getting the time for development is difficult.

I'm often writing the stuff at night, in conjunction with my course work. But each day I try and add more to the main application, in a modular form so that people can still use what works. I have also developed so that it is moveable, rather than hard coding for this Station. Once complete and documented the RAF have said that they will provide a support contract for the software and any future releases of it. Ultimately I believe I have done well. I have saved the Air Force a considerable amount as they were going to pay for a company to develop a similar solution. But as I have done it, they get it for free.



Mr Jason Wykes – Birmingham

“Now, I have a full time position in the IT department as an ICT technician.”

Well, after a busy first half of the year I was struggling to keep up with my study timetable and also lead a busy life. I work for a medium sized telecomms/IT company and have been trying to move more into the IT side of things, as I believe there is more prospects and opportunity, but this has proved difficult as I do not have the necessary experience they require, that was one of the main reasons I embarked on this study programme and course.

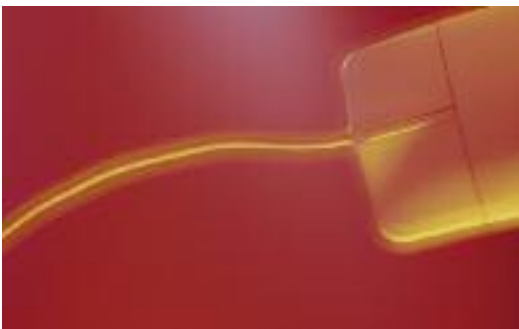
Well, about 6 weeks ago I was on a job in a textile factory installing a new phone line, when the head of their IT enquired if my company installed and maintained computer networks and all the associated peripherals, I told him yes and agreed to take a quick look around so I could report back to my company with a basic outline of what equipment was onsite. I got back to my office that afternoon and reported back to the IT manager of my company, in as much detail as I could, with their requirements. As a result of this and applying the knowledge I had gained through this course, the IT Manager had a meeting with the textile company, and won a five year maintenance contract. Now, I have a full time position in the IT department as an ICT technician. It has certainly spurred me on and now I can devote that little bit more time to my studies as I am able to study at work.

Mr Lewis Silverthorne – Portsmouth

“Since being with SkillsTrain and heading towards the qualifications I need, it’s opened up opportunities for me to start my own business.”

Before starting with SkillsTrain I was on job seekers allowance and honestly thought I would be stuck on it for the rest of my life. Since being with SkillsTrain and heading towards the qualifications I need, it’s opened up opportunities for me to start my own business.

I am now coming off job seekers allowance and have started to build a positive future for me and my family. All because SkillsTrain was willing to give me a chance. I set up my business with InBiz and now it’s up and running. Thank you SkillsTrain for giving me a shove in the right direction! I couldn’t have done it without the course and I couldn’t have done it without the help of CDF. I really didn’t think they’d finance me – without their help, I wouldn’t have been able to pay for the course.



Mrs Oluwakemi Adediji - London

“...and the best thing is I have also been able to use the knowledge gained in getting job as a service desk analyst...”

I have been on the CCNA course for over a year now and although it's not been very easy at times, combining studying with raising a family, it's really worked out well.

I have enjoyed the training as it is self paced and so doesn't put me under so much pressure. I have been able to learn a great deal since I started the training and the best thing is I have also been able to use the knowledge gained in getting job as a service desk analyst in the public sector. I am pleased with this and I am confident that by the time I finish the whole course I'll be even better equipped to for my next role and be able to earn even more.

Mr Jonathan Foster - Leeds

“Little did I realize the demand for my business as the calls flooded in and I soon had to turn away business...”

I have been working as Chef for 10 years now working in many top class restaurants in my local area. My working week consists of working 60 or more hours 7 days a week in two restaurants. In the 10 years of being a chef I have never spent a Christmas at home with the family; I have always worked.

Last year a friend of mine told me about the SkillsTrain and he thought it was a great idea and gave me the number to call. 2 weeks later someone came out to visit me and after a chat and a small test he offered me a placement with them which of course I accepted.

I am only one third of the way through the course but thought I would set up a small business in October fixing and building computers. Not expecting to make much money to start with I decided to keep my jobs in the kitchen. Little did I realize the demand for my business as the calls flooded in and I soon had to turn away business so I decided to quit one of the jobs and on the 20th of December I will be leaving the catering industry for good. I believe this all came because I made this call and wish to thank all the people that have helped me on the way. I am thoroughly looking forward to spending all the Christmas period with my family this year and many more to come.

I'd like to say a word of thanks to the helpful and friendly team at CDF who made the finance end of things work so well.

Thank you SkillsTrain & thank you CDF –a great combination.

Mr James Allen - Belfast

“My studies and closeness to completing my CCNA has meant that I have changed jobs and careers and now work on an IT Help Desk...”

I have studied for 2 and a half years with SkillsTrain and am preparing for my CCNA having passed my network + exam a year ago. My studies and closeness to completing my CCNA has meant that I have changed Jobs and careers and now work on an IT Help Desk for Christians Against Poverty. I've just completed my 2nd week. Keep reading, reading and reading. Take it all in and when you're ready apply for lots of jobs. I now know it was all worth it!!!!

Mr Rajesh Smith - Reading

“...they were totally impressed with the course that I am undertaking at SkillsTrain which I had explained in my CV. That was the only thing that worked for me to get that job...”

I was working as a waiter at a Nepalese Restaurant, but I am not working there anymore, in fact I am working at an Electronics Company as a Technical Sales Advisor. It has been two weeks since I had started my new job and I'm doing great as well. I can't believe it myself honestly. I went to the company and submitted my CV. I got a phone call for the interview and then got the job.

I think they were totally impressed with the course that I am undertaking at SkillsTrain which I had explained in my CV. That was the only thing that worked for me to get that job.....really what a difference it made to my life.....I am really happy about it.....and can't stop thinking what a difference it would make if I had completed the whole course of studies. Believe me I am feeling at the top ...feeling so good from inside ...if this is not achievement then what is this.....I am very much thankful to my college for this change ...I think I can see my destiny now. I am feeling differently.

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Mr Isaac Aidoo - Manchester

“The moment I put the course I'm doing with SkillsTrain on my CV(Curriculum Vitae), I landed a Data entry job with Christian Salvesen.”

It is amazing what the course with SkillsTrain can do! I have searched for computer based job since I set foot in the UK. I had my University education and a Diploma in computer hardware and Software Engineering from outside the UK and that could not guarantee me computer based job. The moment I put the course I'm doing with SkillsTrain on my CV(Curriculum Vitae), I landed a Data entry job with Christian Salvesen. It is a computer based job. My dream is achieved. I say a Big thank you to SkillsTrain and All its staff.

Mr Dusan Cifer – Luton & Krakow

“This knowledge has helped me to begin new carrier in IT as Administrator at the Computer and Networking Center at the University here in Poland.”

Once upon a time.... The whole story begun in 2006. I started studying with SkillsTrain while I was doing the night shift at one well known delivering company when I realized that I am not able to study normally by attending courses. But why did I decide to study? Well, I used to work as a waiter at different places around the Europe (Germany, Cyprus, on a ship providing cruises to tourists). My profession was in gastronomical industry and I decided to change it because of huge interest for computers. In 2007 I bought my first laptop and I got into it very fast because of time I spent on it.

I was evolving very fast so I decided to start studying with a view to become an IT professional in the future. I got married the same year , but it was not a problem – my wife supports me in every way till now... (only one thing she hates is when I'm playing Tribalwars :)). By the end of the year 2008 we decided to leave U.K because of a certain discomfort and home sickness of my wife which was good for us in order to look at the new challenges in front of us. I finished A+ course with certificate and very good rates and now I am looking forward to pass N+ and CCNA exam in spring 2010.

This knowledge has helped me to begin new carrier in IT as Administrator at the Computer and Networking Center at the University here in Poland. It was quite difficult at the beginning because I am Slovak by nationality but I am improving my abilities very fast, what is a vital point it this sector which does dynamically changes all the time.

When I finish this course I want to improve my skills in Unix, Linux systems and I think I will do it for sure with SkillsTrain because of nice way of studying and help from the tutors I always may count on. Recently I got a job offer from an international IT company which was quite interesting as far as pay and experience is concerned. Sure, I will have to decide with help of my wife :).

I wish good luck to all of the students at SkillsTrain. With every submitted tutor marked assignment you are one step forward to a new career, believe me, even if it is really difficult sometimes to study when you get back from work. But half an hour at least counts a lot every day. Thank you to the college and thanks too for arranging my course finance with CDF. Without that I wouldn't have had the chance to do the course. I'm really grateful.

Mr Mark Stockdale - Lancaster

“I passed my CompTIA A+ Certification exams. I changed jobs within the same company, so no longer a factory floor worker, but now I am doing a desk job!”

It couldn't have worked out any better really. I was doing a job I didn't enjoy and which left me unfulfilled and unhappy. I just couldn't face doing that for ever so I decided I had to do something about it. A SkillsTrain leaflet came through the door and I thought "I can do that – I can study for a better job whilst I'm still earning at the factory". I didn't have any IT experience but my wife wanted me to go for it and could see how unhappy I was doing the same things day in and day out. It was strange studying again after so long but just 6 months later and Bingo, I passed my CompTIA A+ exams. I changed jobs within the same company, so no longer a factory floor worker, but now I am doing a desk job!"

Mr Ishaq Vaez - Dunstable

“...I have successfully got an IT tech job, which I feel is a huge achievement, having still not yet completed the course...”

I couldn't get a job after school and was really just drifting from part time job to part time job. I knew if I didn't do something I was headed for a life on the dole. I decided to take the chance to do a a CompTIA A+ & N+ course in computer engineering. I have done the course until assignment 16 and I have successfully got an IT tech job, which I feel is a huge achievement, having still not yet completed the course now I have the advantage to learn and work at the same time by putting my knowledge in to practical work.

Mr Rick Harris – Glasgow

“...my SkillsTrain A+/N+ course has helped me to secure my first temporary IT contract...”

Since passing my CompTIA A+ exam, my SkillsTrain A+/N+ course has helped me to secure my first temporary IT contract (IT Support Administrator) with a major international accountancy firm at their Glasgow office and has increased the number of job interviews and calls from employers about job applications. I hope to secure my next IT contract soon thanks to SkillsTrain.

Miss Heidi Ross - London

“...I have recently got a job working for a bank in their IT head office, and this course helped me to get there... it is all worth it, and I will someday be an IT professional, and someone who my daughter will look up to.”

I feel I have achieved a lot recently. I had quite a few months break in doing my course due to other commitments. I have now resumed doing as much of my course as possible. I'd like to say thanks to CDF for their support during this period, I couldn't have made it through without their help. This is between looking after my 1 year old daughter, who is into everything, including trying to tear apart my course books. I have now returned back to work, where, thanks to me undergoing this course, I am working my way up to be an IT professional.

I have recently got a job working for a bank in their IT head office, and this course helped me to get there. I also now, aim to study my course every lunchtime at work, as this is the only time I can now do this without any distractions. I feel I have achieved a lot recently with juggling my little girl, working full time, commuting to work, and studying too, but feel it is all worth it, and will someday be an IT professional, and someone who my daughter will look up to.

Mr Michael Procter

“Because of the knowledge I have already gained from studying the course materials, I have managed to get a job...”

I was made redundant after thirty years in the catering industry at Christmas 2008. I enrolled with SkillsTrain, and started my course in January 2009. Because of the knowledge I have already gained from studying the course materials, I have managed to get a job, not only in IT, but actually showing people how to use their computers. The course has made such a difference to the life of me and my family and I want to say a big thank you to all at SkillsTrain and Career Development Finance for making it all possible.



Miss Jane Thomson - Oxford

“I have been asked to design a website for a friend, and have been invited to quote for a paying job for a national charity....I'll have earned two thirds of my course fees back on one job!”

This has been a great month for me. I've managed to finish off the coursework for Section 1 of my course, and have been flying through Section 2 (JavaScript). At the same time, I have been asked to design a website for a friend, and have been invited to quote for a paying job for a national charity. I was very pleased with the quote I submitted.

I know I wouldn't have had the information or the confidence to put together a quote like that before I started training with SkillsTrain. I won't know if I've got the contract until after the 4th August, but I'm confident I've given a good account of myself. If I do get the contract, I'll have earned two thirds of my course fees back on one job! If I don't, I'll have gained good experience of quoting to a customer's brief and planning a project. I'm liking July!

Mr John Rankin - Sheffield

“In the last month I have received my first job offer related to my studies and have also received a further offer from the local university in regards to a database analyst job which is full time.”

I have today just submitted the final TMA for Section 4 Part B of the CIW Website Design Manager course and am looking forward to receiving the final part of my course and the Adobe CS3 software. To get to this goal I have studied each week day for the last 18 months whilst continuing my full time employment and raised my 4 year old son and new born daughter (6 days ago).

In the last month I have received my first job offer related to my studies and have also received a further offer from the local university in regards to a database analyst job which is full time.

I just recently submitted a CV to monster.co.uk and have found it a useful tool and both of these job vacancies have been bought to my attention from monster. I can now see the benefits of the course and look forward to completing the course and possibly continuing my studies afterwards. In a bid to also gain further examples of my work I have recently got agreement from a local Primary School to do a website showing the facilities of the nursery and their mission statement in regards to a child's education.

Mr Alexander Onyeocha – W. London

“Alex, who had no banking IT experience and didn’t earn up to £22k a year now has a great job with loads of free perks and a wallet-gratifying salary. It has made a massive difference to my self confidence.”

Just before November 2008, in the heat of the credit crunch one of my wishes was to see the recession period out without any major problems at work or with finances, but sadly my job was affected and I was out of work by the 7th of November.

I began wondering what to do and how to get a job quickly because the job market was flooded with so many IT professionals who had been laid off from bigger jobs like financial banking IT jobs or jobs within the Law sector, these are people who had been on very good salaries and I just felt it would be so difficult getting a job ahead of these people but I had to do something still so I started applying for jobs.

I would tactically avoid jobs that paid over £25k because I felt the demand would probably be overwhelming... how wrong I was! A week later and I had probably done well over a hundred applications but had no serious feedback, it started becoming a worry. I worried so much that one of those days I fell asleep in the middle of the day – probably around 1pm, when I woke I went back to my PC, looked at my CV again, and found nothing significantly wrong with it except there was nothing about my CIW in it, went back to my PC, modified my CV, and logged into my online jobsite. First thing I saw was one financial banking role that had a lot to do with programming in Perl... This role was paying a base of £35k [Per Annum] and had many fringe benefits. Bearing in mind that I was on less than £21k [Per Annum] at the time (which was the largest amount of pay I had been on), I felt a bit intimidated but decided to apply all the same. It was about 5 minutes after this application that my phone buzzed and it turned out to be the HR team from this bank, we went through a few questions and I was invited for an interview the very next day.

They urgently wanted qualified starters because the bank had recently acquired a European bank and wanted to move its IT operations to the UK. During the interview it felt like most of what they wanted to know was regarding the subjects that were treated during my CIW course and how comfortable I was with Perl and scripting. I was asked to start in the middle of December 2008 after my security and criminal check results had come through – it was awesome!

Not only did I have a job, it was paying some good money too. We have now completed the training and gone live, I’ve been on the job for a month or so and it doesn’t get better than that. Looking back, Alex, who had no banking IT experience and didn’t earn up to £22k a year now has a great job with loads of free perks and a wallet-gratifying salary. It has made a massive difference to my self confidence and I now compete at a high level. I know that the CIW experience has got something to do with this and I want to say thanks.

Mr Grzegorz Artur Gazda - Hounslow

“After recently being made redundant I have found a new job as a Programmer within walking distance from home.”

Following January and February when I passed 5 MCP exams, in March I managed to pass another 2. By doing this I have finished my MCSE studying. I have gained MCP/MCSA/MCSE qualifications with extraordinary good result. 6 out of 7 exams I have passed with more than 900 points and one exam with 895 points. In order to pass there is necessary only 700 points. Now I am looking forward for my next qualifications which will probably be MSDBA or MCITP Database administrator or MCPD which will prove my programming skills. After recently being made redundant I have found a new job as a Programmer within walking distance from home.

Mr Carl Miller - Croydon

“During the interview I mentioned how I was studying for my MCSE with SkillsTrain alongside my existing skills. Days later I was pleased to hear that I had been accepted for the job role which I will be starting on the 26th January 2009.”

I have completed all TMA's for 70-270 Part A with outstanding results. I recently applied for a 2nd line technical support specialist role that became available in my current workplace. During the interview I mentioned how I was studying for my MCSE with SkillsTrain alongside my existing skills. Days later I was pleased to hear that I had been accepted for the job role which I will be starting on the 26th January 2009.



Mr Mohammed Hafeji – Kidderminster

“I am now working as a Technical Sales Advisor. Prior to this I was working as a part-time cleaner...”

The most significant accomplishment for me was my new job. After a long wait, I have moved into the IT industry. I am now working as a Technical Sales Advisor. Prior to this I was working as a part-time cleaner! In the interview I had an assessment to complete. Knowledge and understanding, which I only got from studying with SkillsTrain, assisted me a lot. Lacking the knowledge of this course, I can guarantee I would not have been successful for my Advisor position.

Before I started this course I had no knowledge with regards to the computing environment but now I have encompassed a lot of things which has aided me to achieve my goal. Furthermore, using the knowledge from studying the course I have helped many family, friends and neighbours with setting up their computers, wireless networks etc. I haven't covered a great deal yet, however I am astonished at the skills I have acquired so far.

My results have also been very good. I have achieved over 85% in my recently submitted TMAs. I very much like the style of the presentations, support notes and most importantly the excellent live Internet training labs, which is unbelievably helpful. I am proud & thrilled of being part of such a great IT learning centre. I wish to convey my gratitude & appreciation to all at SkillsTrain and CDF. Thank you and Well Done.



Mr Marcin Jedrzejowski – Bicester

“Now I have great job and in few weeks time I will be a father! I am the happiest man in the world!”

In 2005 I started N+/MCSE course honestly I wasn't sure that I am doing good thing. At the beginning I wasn't eager to learn but week after week I used to gain more and more knowledge. I didn't notice that after 11 months I finished N+ part of the course. So I attempt for N+ exam and passed with great result more than 85%.

I was so surprised about my knowledge because I didn't believe in my abilities. After 3 weeks I received certificate and I started looking for a new IT related role. Just after few days I was invited to an interview from a BMW company near Oxford. On interview I surprised employer with my multi-skilled abilities, and achievements. I get a job not exactly in IT, but with great chances for promotion in near future. I decided to take that position; it wasn't easy because I and my wife expecting a baby in September and we were "forced" to move from London to Oxford. But we made the decision.

On my first day I met with the manager who trained me in new role for about two weeks, my job involved quality control on the production line. After some time I mentioned about my IT skills and I had an interview with IT manager. Everything was great, after next 3 weeks I was moved to IT department on new IT Network Analyst position. I see now that this investment it is starting to pay off. I have more time to studying for my MCSE exam and I'm sure that I will succeed. Now I have great job and in few weeks time I will be a father! I am the happiest man in the world! Thanks

Mr Geoffrey Moffett - Ballymena

“I now own a small business which is building up gradually If it was not for SkillsTrain Team I would not be in the position I am today.”

Christmas for me this year is 99.9% better than the last because last year with no doubt because I was in a dead end job with nothing to look forward to in the future. August 2008 I joined the long train of SkillsTrain students and believe that I have done well so far in my studies.

The tutor team is amazing and I could not thank them enough for what they have done for me. After doing a few assignments in the A+ Exam I thought to myself that I should become self employed as I had a fairly good knowledge of the computer basics and web development anyhow. I attended a Start a business programme with Invest Northern Ireland and successfully completed that and got involved with the Princes Trust. I now own a small business which is building up gradually. If it was not for the SkillsTrain team and the kind people at CDF I would not be in the position I am today, so thank you all.

Mr Benjamin Tappin - Barnet

“my employer has decided to give me a small pay rise and promised to promote me to the 2nd line if I complete my course in February... so this Christmas is definitely looking better than last when I was jobless and looking for another mind numbing call centre job.. Thank you SkillsTrain:)”

I have been studying the CompTIA N+ for about 6 months now and I am 1 TMA and revision away from completing the course. Since I have started the course my knowledge has improved greatly which has been proven in my current workplace (I work for a well established ISP on the Technical Desk) since my 6 monthly review has been and gone my employer has noted my improvement on how well I am now faulting network issues that he has decided to give me a small pay rise and promised to promote me to the 2nd line if I complete my course in February which I am sure will be easy with the ample of test exams and study material provided by "The SkillsTrain" so this Christmas is definitely looking better than last when I was jobless and looking for another mind numbing call centre job.. Thank you SkillsTrain:)



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