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Abstract

The value of IT certification is a subject of debate. IT magazine certifications can provide opportunities for new positions, promote increases to existing employees. Research suggests that IT certification graduate's profile to garner the attention of a hiring manager. That certification, education and experience are complimentary prospects of a candidate. For years, educators have been suggesting certifications in the traditional computing curricula of colleges. However, due to a dearth of knowledge and commitment, faculty are reluctant to follow the suggested route. In this paper, we report on several IT certifications in the graduate MIS curriculum of a University of six years. Certifications from the leading vendors such as Microsoft were integrated into the programming, database, and network courses. The past and present students suggests that almost all believe that they will build a better career and they were prepared well for the future. We recommend that educationists who have been faced with the challenge to adapt IT certifications in their computing curricula, should consider them. That will bring IT departments up to the par with IT industry standards.

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