LEVEL 2 OPEN SYSTEMS IT MANAGEMENT COURSE: HOW TO OFFER THE COURSE AND APPLY FOR STUDENT FUNDING

The TLM Level 2 Certificate in Open Systems IT Management was created in conjunction with the LPI and Future Cert, and is based on [LPI Essentials](#).

Many colleges are still not offering Linux or Open Source computing Certification, despite there being a huge skills shortage in the industry – a rapidly growing industry at that, which offers fantastic job prospects for young people.

This qualification can be fully funded for students by the Government, and as such, is a great way to get students into a new area of computing, that could have huge benefits on their career potential.

What is Level 2 Certificate in Open System IT Management?

The course focuses on what hardware and software is needed to meet project needs, what sort of configuration and how the open source community works and functions. The final unit in the course asks the learner to plan something using open systems.

The aim of the qualification is to lead to employment in IT infrastructural support for computers and/or networks running open source operating software - or to allow further study, usually moving on to LPIC 1 and 2 or other Open Source qualifications.

The units are as follows:

Unit 1: Understanding Global Software Communities and their Products

Unit 2: Using an operating system efficiently (including using the Command Line for systems management)

Unit 3: Computer hardware systems and networks

Unit 4: Carrying out an IT systems management project

What does a college or centre need to offer?

Centres must provide each candidate with a minimum of one day working alongside a professional systems or network manager. This professional must assess the candidate's competence against at least three of the criteria and agree them with the assessor. This is a mandatory requirement before the candidate is eligible to take the grading exam.

What funding is available?

The funding has been awarded by the Skills Funding Agency and is currently available until 2018, so there is still time to access this.

Funding available is from £941.00 to £1,132.00 if it is a young person's apprenticeship. Funding is also available for adult learning.

All the details are available on the website here

Anything else?

If schools or colleges become Cisco Academies (which is free), they can use their excellent Linux teaching materials for free, provided by NDG (Network Development Group)

There are also some excellent, free tutorials on the topics in the course available here http://www.guru99.com/

What should you do next?

If you're interested in offering this course at your college or training centre then you can get in touch with TLM via this link https://theingots.org/community/contact

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