

Workshop Held to Improvement Employability of Students



Hard at work: Students putting their theory into practical at the Employability Improvement Programme workshop

Enhancing employability and soft skill before entering work place is the core aim of the Employment Improvement Programme (EIP) at Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT).

Introduced in 2012, the EIP programme has since trained more than 700 students in fields of Applied Science, Business Studies, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, Operations Management. And look forward to upsurge and also train in students in the fields of Business studies, Education and Applied Science.

The two-day training workshop caters for third year students before starting the 6 to 12 months Work Integrated Learning (WIL) programme with various companies to expose and introduce them to the element of productivity by eliminating waste of time and resources at the work place.

EIP Trainer, Patrina Batholmeus and WIL Coordinator, Vuyokazi Maku, in addition to Dr Tshepo Mabotja, work hand in hand to deliver valuable eye-opening hands-on exercises that consist of team working, communication, planning and leadership skills development.

The workshop comes in theory and practical to implement what they have learnt.

Batholmeus says, though the students are hesitant in expressing themselves during the theory part of the workshop, but practical is their best part of the work; you can even see group working and communication skills.

At the end of all workshops, all students who participated on the EIP workshop are awarded completion certificates.

I've gained better communication skills, listening and interpersonal skills. I also learnt how to be fast and still perform well. Explains Operations Management student, Sinoyolo Poni.