

I.T. CAREERS ARE RED HOT

Todd Lohvinenko

A great deal of press lately has been given to the shortage of qualified Information Technology (IT) professionals in the workforce. Even Bill Gates has weighed in on the subject saying that Microsoft is being forced to recruit overseas because they cannot find enough trained staff in North America.

Todd Lohvinenko recognized the trends occurring in IT and capitalized on the opportunities early on. Todd pursued his Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification over 10 years ago and has not looked back since. "Certification gives you that extra edge in the workforce" says Todd, "but that's just the beginning. Professionalism and a willingness to learn and work in a team environment are equally important."

Todd attended Robertson College (then operating as Midwestern School of Business & Technology) and obtained his Microsoft training which was the springboard to his career in IT. "Employers like to see that you have an invested interest in your career" advises Todd, "a diploma and professional certification shows companies that you are trained to apply best practices in the line of work you have chosen."

The career paths in IT are varied, and Robertson College offers 4 different programs to prepare graduates for different opportunities. "There are two main career paths to a lucrative future in the field of IT" states Wayne Palendat, Vice President of Robertson College. "Many opportunities exist for specialists in the areas of Software Development or Networking." Robertson offers 2 different courses in each of these areas, allowing students to select the path that is best suited for them.

Cary Klassen

Another successful Robertson (Midwestern School) graduate also expounds the virtues of a career in IT. "I had always enjoyed problem solving and I found that IT provided me with an opportunity to have a job where I am constantly presented with exciting new challenges" says Cary Klassen. "Today's market is seeing a shortage of skilled IT workers and now is a perfect time to take advantage of this."

Robertson's programs focus mainly on Microsoft technologies, both in the Networking and Software Development paths. "Microsoft remains the industry standard, and is utilized by the vast majority of firms and potential employers" says Wayne Palendat.

Both the Software Developer and Networking programs start soon. Interested students are encouraged to contact Robertson College as soon as possible to get started on the path to the career opportunities that await. Students can call 943-5661 or visit www.robertsoncollege.com for more information and to submit an online application.