Hey CompTIA! Tell me about…
Thank you for your interest!

- We really appreciate the time that you’re taking to understand Tech Discovery and see whether it is a right fit for you.
- Please take your time to read through all the information in this document and we hope to receive your application soon!
- Ensure that you also click on the hyperlinks as they provide additional and useful information.
- If you do have any questions, please contact TechDiscovery@comptia.org and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.
What is the CompTIA Tech Discovery Programme?

- Tech Discovery is an exploratory learning programme for candidates from a range of backgrounds to discover the many varied opportunities in Technology and build technical skills in cyber security, data analytics, systems & networking, and software engineering.

- Over the 4 weeks, candidates will undertake instruction through live online classes and use industry standard content (eLearning, cloud-powered virtual labs, and practice tests)

- Candidates will also enhance their career readiness skills with information and guidance on CV building, creating an effective digital presence, and industry relevant soft skills.

- Candidates will gain an internationally recognised certification – CompTIA ITF+.

- At the end of the programme, candidates will be helped to transition to an entry level role with further learning i.e., apprenticeships, junior role, or a Fast-Track programme.
Benefits of this programme

- Candidates completing this programme will gain the following benefits:
  - A structured programme to learn the fundamentals of technology and careers
  - CompTIA ITF+ (IT Fundamentals) certification
  - Build the career readiness skills required to work in the tech industry
  - Hear from guest speakers from the technology industry
  - Assistance to transition into a positive destination where you can expand on your technical skills and knowledge
How will I learn? (1/2)

- You will undertake **live online instruction** from an expert CompTIA Trainer
  - These will take place for approx. 3 hours a day for 3 weeks (Mon-Fri)

- Alongside this you will be provided with **CertMaster Learn** (online eLearning), **CompTIA Labs** (cloud-powered virtual labs), and **CertMaster Practice** (practice questions)
  - You will **complete these platforms in addition** to the online training (approximately 3 hours a day)

- With the exception of the online labs, you will be able to access learning on your mobile device (Android for CM Learn & Practice, iOS for Practice only).
How will I learn? (2/2)

▪ You will be expected to complete the CompTIA ITF+ certification by a target date.

▪ Career Readiness
  – You will take part in career readiness activities. This will include creating/updating CVs and attending guest speakers sessions.
Programme Overview

3 weeks

**Discovery & Acquisition**
Technology training delivered by live online sessions from an expert CompTIA instructor. Candidates also utilise Virtual Labs and complete practice questions. Take & pass the CompTIA ITF+ exam.

1 week

**Inspiration & Readiness**
Honing career and soft skills. Engaging with Industry Guest Speakers from across the Tech Sector.

Up-to 6 months

**Pursuit & Progression**
Engaging in transition activities. Move on to a positive destination including Technical Apprenticeships, Fast Track Opportunities and Junior Roles.
What is the CompTIA ITF+?

- CompTIA ITF+ provides a baseline knowledge of IT infrastructure, cyber security, software development, and databases.
- It enables individuals to gain a fundamental grounding on all technological areas to identify which domain that they wish to explore further.
- Further detail can be found here: https://comptiacdn.azureedge.net/webcontent/docs/default-source/exam-objectives/fc0-u61_objectives.pdf
Recommended by the Forbes Technology Expert Panel

“For IT newcomers, I recommend foundational certifications such as Microsoft Technology Professional (MTA), CompTIA’s A+ or IT Fundamentals+, Cisco Certified Network Associates (CCNA), and soft skills certification/training.”

– Sandeep Uthra, CIO at Truliant Federal Credit Union and Forbes Technology Expert Panel Member

https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestechcouncil/2021/11/13/14-industry-leaders-share-the-it-certifications-all-tech-pros-should-pursue/
Career Readiness Skills and Progression

- You will attend online sessions focused on honing your career readiness and soft skills, this will include:
  - CV/LinkedIn writing skills
  - Interview Skills / Mock Interviews
  - Communication – verbal/non-verbal, email/text (netiquette), and collaborative working

- We will work with you for up to 6 months to transition you into a positive destination such as an Apprenticeship, a junior role within an organisation, or a suitable Fast-Track Programme.
Application Process Overview

Step 1:
Complete the Online Application form.
(See here for link)

Step 2:
Undertake an aptitude assessment.
This includes English, Maths and Problem Solving

Step 3:
If application is successful, you will be invited to an online interview where we will discuss your application.

Step 4:
If the interview is successful, you will be issued with a Learning Agreement.

Step 5:
On receipt of agreement to the Learning Agreement, your place will be confirmed.
About You

- As there are **only 50 places** for this programme, we are looking for candidates who have the desire and motivation to succeed. We are looking to ensure that we have a diverse group, so you could be someone that has...
  - Lost your job as a result of the pandemic or automation
  - Looking for a career change
  - Workforce returners e.g., parent/carer

We encourage applications from Women, disabled, neuro-diverse, and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) candidates, as these groups are underrepresented throughout the Tech industry.
Eligibility Requirements

1. Must reside in Greater Manchester or Lancashire
2. Must be aged 19+
3. Must be a UK citizen (or have the legal right to live & work in the UK)
4. Have access to a computer with a good internet connection
6. Can commit to 4 weeks unpaid training
7. Must not be working in tech / have higher level tech qualifications
8. Available for full time work on completion of the training
Aptitude Assessment

- As part of the application, you will be undertaking an aptitude assessment which is made of six gamified tests:
  - Pipe Puzzle
  - Shape Spinner
  - Word Logic
  - Link Swipe
  - Net the Numbers
  - Number Racer

- These assessment will gauge your English, maths and problem solving skills.

- They will be completed using the Test Partnership platform.
Important Information

- Application Form Link:
  - https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/35f596ee59a0434cb32ceabad08904bc

- Aptitude Assessment Link:
  - https://tptests.com/?projectcode=CompTIA_01078883700&lang=English

- Deadline for complete applications (including aptitude assessment):
  - **25th February 2021** (we reserve to close the application form early if we have sufficient candidates)

- Course start: Monday 1st March 2021

- Course end: Friday 26th March 2021
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