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Our favourite Graduate



Amanda Cox has just completed her [Master of Management \(IT\)](#) and is the Database Applications Administrator at the Port of Townsville Ltd. Apart from trying to juggle a demanding full time career and her studies, Amanda has to cope with Type 3 Osteogenesis imperfecta (sometimes known as Brittle Bone Disease) which is a genetic bone disorder. X-rays have shown that

Amanda had had over 120 broken bones and something as simple as a sneeze can cause her to break a rib. During our phone calls with Amanda she is invariably bright & bubbly and once described her illness as a 'nuisance'.

When I rang Amanda to congratulate her she said her biggest challenge since finishing the Masters was that she was 'climbing the wall' with boredom. She has since enrolled in a course in Philosophy at Oxford and after

that we both reckon that 'Doctor Amanda Cox' has a nice ring to it. Due to unforeseen circumstances Amanda could not attend Graduation but we will be taking a Gown, a Graduation Jacket and several bottles of CSU Champagne up to Townsville to help celebrate her achievement.

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Doctors 4 The Bush

Rural Australia is experiencing a



chronic shortage of Doctors and CSU has proposed that the Federal Government build an Integrated Primary Health Education Precinct in rural NSW.

If you believe, like we do, that:

1. It's only fair that rural students are able to study to be a doctor or other health professional locally in a rural area, just like students who live in our capital cities;
and
2. Training rural students in rural areas is essential to increasing the number of doctors and health professionals in rural Australia;

Then please register your support for Charles Sturt University's' proposed Health and Medical Education Precinct at <http://www.csu.edu.au/doctors/home>

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MISS Prize Winner - Peter Ridgway



We are seeing a growing number of students studying from overseas. This year's prize winner of the [Master of Information Systems Security](#) is Peter Ridgway who completed his Masters from Wales in the UK. Peter is a Lead Infrastructure Design Architect with the National Health Service in Wales and his results included 3 High Distinctions and 3

Distinctions.

Peter had the following to say about his studies:

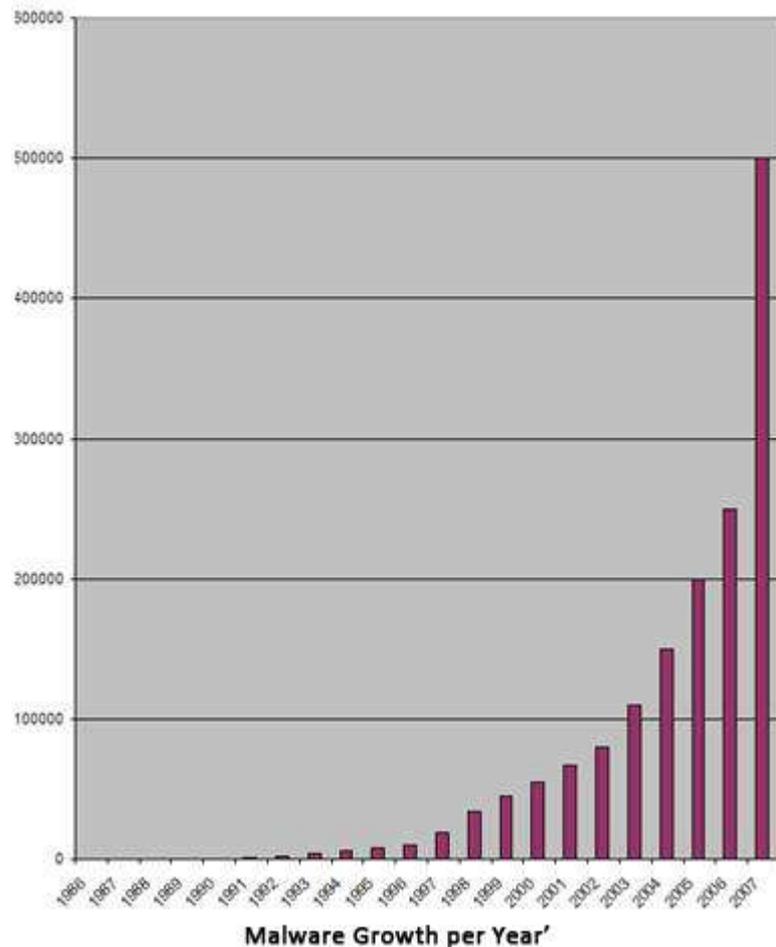
"I was initially attracted to the MISS by the flexible course structure that allows you to select modules to suit your interests. Having the course 100% online allowed me to study on evenings and weekends whereas other establishments require an element of physical attendance. As a bonus I could also use some of my existing vendor certifications as credit towards the Masters degree.

The highlight of the course was when I received my first semester results of two High Distinctions and knew that I hadn't bitten off more than I could chew and that I was doing things the right way. Studying from the UK meant getting up at 3am for the interactive online sessions but I found that although tiring, it was worth the effort.

The key success factors are to **plan your time, make sure you get involved with the course; don't just spectate - the other students and staff all have input and views that can enhance your learning experience, and your views and experience can help others.**"

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And the big growth area



is...

A decade years ago I was in the UK at a IT Security Conference and the keynote started with the statement 'security training is what everyone talks about.... but no one ever does!' The consensus from the IT training vendors was that this was accurate with plenty of interest being expressed in security training but limited enrolments in courses. Most of the world's largest IT training providers were at the forum. Fast forward a decade and the wheel has turned with the exponential growth in Malware, targeted attacks

and cyber terrorism making anyone with security skills hot property. This trend has been reflected in enrolments in the Master of IS Security and Security Specialisations the Master of Management (IT), which have been our fastest growing degrees over the last year.

We are supporting this growth by introducing new Security subjects, and focusing heavily on Cyber Security Research at CSU in 2012.

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CISSP subject



The Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) is an independent information security certification governed by the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, commonly known as (ISC)². CISSP is one of the most in demand Security

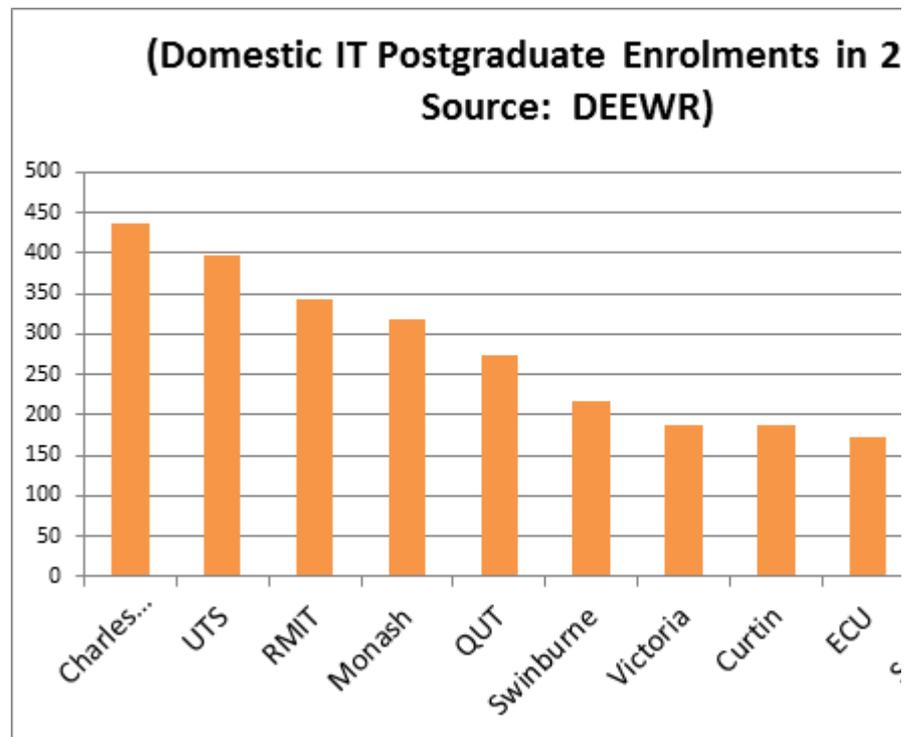
certifications with over 67,000 certification holders in 134 countries

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Certified_Information_Systems_Security_Professional refers).

Doctor Craig Wright has done a fantastic job developing the industry certification subjects in our Digital Forensics stream and has now developed and is delivering the subject ITE514 - Professional Systems Security (previously available for credit only) which will prepare students to sit the CISSP exam. Given that Craig is co-author of the official CISSP study guide and also a beta tester of the CISSP exams, we figure the Craig will be able to do a pretty good job preparing students for the CISSP certification exam.

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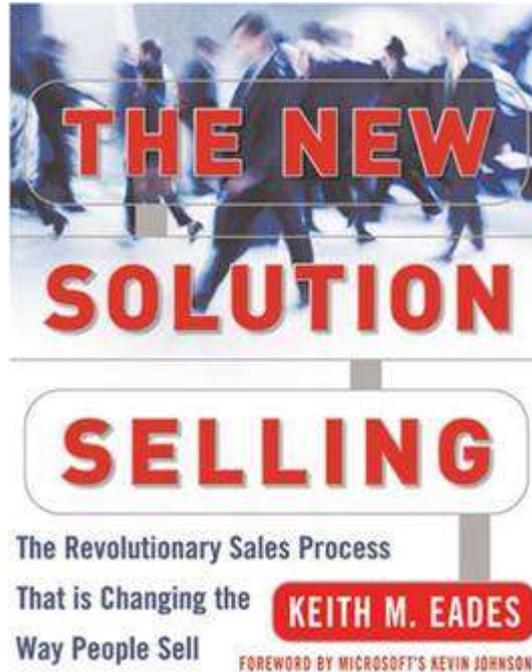
Now for the IT Doctorate market



The latest government figures show that CSU has maintained our leadership in the domestic IT Postgraduate Masters market, and with record enrolments in 2010, we are confident of maintaining this position when next year's figures are released. Our focus going forward is replicating this success in the Doctorate market and our aim over the next 5 years is to become Australia's leading IT Research university. I think the Accreditation team at CSU have done brilliant job of designing a [Doctorate of IT](#) that will be attractive to the industry, considering its strong focus on Applied research and on quickly producing tangible research outcomes.

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Selling Solutions subject now in the Master of Management(IT)



Whether it be to our customers, our managers, our peers, or our staff, we all have to be able to sell our ideas to be successful. IT Masters are now offering the subject [MG1522: Developing Solutions](#) from the [Graduate Certificate in Professional Sales](#) as an elective in [Master of Management \(IT\)](#).

In MG1522 students learn how to research a customer's business, identify customer issues and develop solutions that meet customer priorities. I found that the utilisation of sales methodologies such as Solution Selling to be an invaluable tool in achieving business success and recommend that you look at selecting this as one of your electives.

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How much credit would you qualify for? Are you eligible?

Fill out the online form at <http://www.itmasters.edu.au/AmIEligible.aspx> and we will get back to you with answers to these and any other questions you may have.

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