



# FEU Institute of Technology IT Specialist Success Story



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

Founded in 1991, FEU Institute of Technology (FEU Tech) in Manila, Philippines is a renowned, private academic institution with a student body containing over 6,000 students. FEU Tech is a private, non-sectarian institution that provides quality education in the fields of engineering and information technology.

FEU Tech offers competitive and innovative academic programs supplemented with strong academic and industry partnerships that provide its students with opportunities to enhance their education. Students undergo an internship program that provides intensive, real-world training with its industry partners—a network of about 800 technology and engineering corporations nationwide. FEU Tech offers both study abroad and internship abroad programs.



*“Certification helps students learn new technologies and skills. Earning certification improves opportunities for employment, retaining jobs, advancement of careers, and establishing professional credibility. Thus, we chose to adopt certification so that our students will have a competitive edge.” Dr. Shaneth C. Ambat, Program Director of Computer Science*

### Students Gain Valuable Skills through the IT Specialist Program

The institution has always been dedicated to providing and creating an environment where innovation can thrive, and students can unleash their potential and turn their ideas into reality. FEU Tech has both a College of Engineering and a College of Computer Studies and Multimedia Arts. Before FEU Tech adopted certification, they had no way to assess student skills at the end of their education. FEU Tech used written and hands-on examinations only. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, there was no way for students to adequately access the software needed for these types of assessments, so FEU Tech looked for an alternative solution.

FEU Tech decided to implement the Information Technology Specialist (IT Specialist) certification program for their Computer Science and Information Technology programs. The IT Specialist program is aimed at candidates who are considering or just beginning a path to a career in information technology.

“For more competitive student skills, FEU Institute of Technology provides certification for students related to their specialization and courses, to provide them the skill sets for a foundation level IT Specialist. This will ensure that students who have certifications will have the advantage to be hired as they demonstrate their knowledge and skills with the required fundamentals in relation to their courses. Certifications serve as an assessment tool to check students’ knowledge and skills are at par with a certain standard.” Dr. Roman De Angel, Specialization Coordinator of Information Technology.

Both faculty and students are required to take IT Specialist certification exams. Faculty are required to take the certifications before they start teaching the subject matter. The institution has used the IT Specialist certification as a way to assess that students have the necessary computing skills before they graduate.



## Earning an IT Specialist Certification Prepares Students for Success

FEU Tech has found great success in using the IT Specialist certification as an assessment for its programs. Certification gives students an edge to land better job opportunities once they graduate. As of January 2022, FEU Tech graduates have a 96% employability rate.

Dr. Ace C. Lagman, Program Director of Information Technology said, "As certification continues to be highly important for employment and financial benefits in the computing industry, the CCS programs have successfully implemented this and have become one of the flagships of the institution. Students who passed the IT Specialist certification assessment demonstrated required and needed learning capabilities. In addition, this program builds confidence and motivation in students as certifications are recognized globally."

FEU Tech has seen over 2,000 certifications on one or more IT Specialist exams. They have seen great success with high pass rates on the Python exam, equipping students with coding skills. They find the students are prepared to enter the workforce with IT Specialist certification and like that there are so many different IT certification options within the IT Specialist portfolio. FEU looks forward to continuing its certification program and preparing students for employment.

There are currently 15 exams offered in the IT Specialist portfolio. To learn more, visit: [www.certipoint.com/ITSpecialist](http://www.certipoint.com/ITSpecialist)