

# Research and Information Literacy Skills Seminar

**TITLE:** Preparing Students for the workplace with the right information literacy skills.

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# Outline

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- ▶ How can CPUT prepare students with the right ILP for the workplace?.
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# Introduction

- ▶ **Mpumakoloni Youth Initiative (MYI)**, a non-profit organisation founded by three CPUT Mathematical Technology alumni
- ▶ Organisation officially launched in September 2018 at CPUT
- ▶ **Motto:** “Creating opportunities for excellence”
- ▶ **Vision:** A society in which all young people from whatever background, rural or urban, poor or rich, have access to higher education and high-skilled careers
- ▶ **Mission:** To empower underprivileged youth in Eastern Cape by imparting development skills to them and linking them with educational and career opportunities

# Library

- ▶ **Library** - Is the source of information
- ▶ Importance of **library**
  - To students, staff and
  - University
- ▶ First society to *display current trends*

# Information Literacy

**Information Literacy** - Is the ability to know and to recognise the value of information and use it to make informed choices in both professional and academic spaces.

## Why is Information Important?

The ability to know when there is a **need for information**, especially, currently where we are faced with the Fourth Industrial Revolution. So it enables people to **solve problems** at hand.

# Information Literacy Program (ILP) at CPUT

## ▶ Program outline

- Modules
- Target group, and Test.

## ▶ Access Academic Resources

- Prepares for academic goals, not workplace.

# Preparing Students with the right IL Skills for the Workplace

- ▶ Library to develop part two of ILP (To be Tailor Made).
  - Introduced at the Exit Level Class.
  - Division of course structure as per interest of the department.
  - Interest should be about information that is relevant to the industry.
- ▶ Practical Part
  - Use of info lit academically and in the workplace.

# Conclusion And Recommendations

- ▶ **ILP** should be done at the beginning of the year and should be compulsory in all faculty departments.
- ▶ The program should be given even before first assignments are out.
- ▶ **Exit ILP** should be introduced, and be research focused.



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