

## *How does the Australian Computer Society's Computer Professional Education Program fit into the APESMA MBA?*

APESMA have formed a partnership with the Australian Computer Society (ACS) to provide an MBA specifically for IT professionals. The program provides IT professionals, who have completed the ACS Computer Professional Education Program, a pathway for completing a Graduate Diploma (Technology Management), or MBA (Technology Management). Graduates from the ACS Computer Professional Education Program receive advanced standing for the units completed if they have satisfied the APESMA MBA entry requirements.

Students must have either an undergraduate degree, be full professional members of the ACS, or have notified the ACS within three months of acceptance into the Computer Professional Education program, that they may wish to articulate into the APESMA program. The integrated program provides those working in the IT industry a seamless pathway for continuing professional education. Students acquire enhanced skills in both technical and management areas of study.

### Program Structure

#### Step 1: ACS Computer Professional Education Program

The ACS Computer Professional Education Program is an industry-based masters level course of study that consists of four one-semester subjects. To complete the Program, participants must pass the three compulsory core subjects and one elective subject.

##### Core Subjects

- > New Technology Alignment
- > Business, Legal and Ethical Issues
- > Business Strategy and IT

##### Elective Subjects

- > Adaptive Business Intelligence
- > Managing Technology and Operations
- > Project Management

#### Step 2: Graduate Diploma of Management (Technology Management)

Graduates from the ACS Computer Professional Education Program can complete a Graduate Diploma by studying a further four units, as follows:

##### APESMA

- > Financial Management
- > Management Perspectives
- > Economic Decision Making
- > One elective from the APESMA elective unit list

#### Step 3: MBA (Technology Management)

On completion of the Graduate Diploma, students can articulate into the MBA by studying a further four units, as follows:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<p><b>ACS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Two further elective subjects and</li> </ul> <p><b>APESMA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Contemporary People Management</li> <li>&gt; Marketing</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; One elective subject and</li> </ul> <p><b>APESMA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Contemporary People Management</li> <li>&gt; Marketing</li> <li>&gt; One APESMA elective unit</li> </ul>	<p><b>APESMA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Contemporary People Management</li> <li>&gt; Marketing</li> <li>&gt; Two APESMA elective units</li> </ul>

## APESMA Elective Units

- > Research Project
- > Project Management\*
- > Business Planning for Innovation
- > Operations Management
- > Management of Professional Services
- > Marketing^
- > Contemporary People Management^
- > Pathways to Organisational Best Practice
- > Environmental Management
- > Corporate Finance
- > International Business Strategy
- > Strategic Management in Services
- > Engineering Risk Management
- > E-Business Strategy
- > Advanced Project Management

\* Students are not permitted to complete this unit if the Project Management unit was completed as part of the ACS program.

^ These units are required units for the MBA (Technology Management).

## Award

Students who elect to take out a Graduate Diploma and wish to return to complete their MBA at a later time will be required to rescind the previous award before the higher qualification can be awarded.

Participants who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma will receive the APESMA Graduate Diploma of Management (Technology Management), award.

Participants who successfully complete the MBA will receive the APESMA MBA (Technology Management), award.

## Delivery Format

The APESMA MBA units are delivered exclusively through proven distance education techniques. Each student receives a comprehensive Study Guide, which contains workplace activities and case studies, so you can apply your knowledge as you learn.

Your Study Guide for each unit contains full lecture notes, readings, references to further resources, your assignment and a sample examination with answers. Your Unit Chair is responsible for setting and marking the assignments and exams, providing commentary on the topics throughout the study period and academic assistance for any questions you have during your study through our e-communities electronic forum.

## Course Duration

The ACS Computer Professional Education Program is typically completed in 18 months to two years; the Graduate Diploma in a further one year; and the MBA in one year. The entire Graduate Diploma must be completed in 6 years and the MBA within 10 years of the first unit enrolment with APESMA.

## Entry Requirements

The entry prerequisite is possession of a recognised tertiary, professional-level qualification (ie, degree) or professional level membership of the ACS. A limited number of places are also available through a Special Entry process, which requires students who are Associate Members or non members of the ACS to advise ACS within three months of their acceptance into the Computer Professional Education Program of their possible intention to articulate into the APESMA program via Special Entry. Further information on Special Entry can be obtained from APESMA or ACS.

## Course Fees

### ACS Computer Professional Education Program

See website: <http://www.acs.org.au/cpprogram/index.cfm?action=show&conID=fees> or call 1800 671 003.

### APESMA

See website: [www.mba-distance-learning.com](http://www.mba-distance-learning.com) or call 1300 244 353.

The information provided in this document is relevant for students beginning the ACS Computer Professional Education Program from July 2007.