

Dissemination Partner Case Study (10)

Greenmount College

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Background

The college runs a number of HND programmes, including Rural and Countryside Management from which some students progress to top-up degrees in Environmental Science or Geography at University of Ulster, Coleraine. Other students from agricultural HNDs may progress to QUB.

Good Practice

Students from agricultural technology at Greenmount may progress into final year of Agricultural Technology degree at QUB. This involves 2 ½ bridging modules, with associated assignments, which are delivered at Greenmount in the summer.

Use of Materials

The materials used were: C.2, P.2, P.3, P.4, P.7, K.2, K.3, M.2, and M.5. These were customised by the lecturer and bound into a tutorial pack for students. The materials were used by students on RCM and Agricultural Technology. Report from lecturers is in folder. Materials were used in specially arranged tutorials. These were arranged by the HND final year year managers. Little alteration was made to the materials, as they were thought appropriate in original form. It was thought that some materials could also be used later in the year to prepare students for transfer. Also key skills material might be useful. There were problems accessing the CD and problems saving files from it, they came off the CD as read-only files. They also did not find it easy to access materials on the SPAT website.

Materials were easy to use but it was felt that there was little for students to do actively - questions might be multiple choice with answers at end.

Apart from year managers, it might be appropriate to involve careers staff (not available at Greenmount)

Students liked:

- Ease of use and found information useful
- Easy to read and understand
- Liked student example and would have liked more

Students disliked:

- Website, wanted clearer structure, more graphics and video clips.

Students wanted more information on:

- Transfer procedures
- Programme content
- Module information

Staff found:

- Materials easy to use (apart from access problems).

They would have liked more information on:

- Career choices,

- Transfer procedures
- Degrees available

Additional topics to include:

- Choosing the right degree
- Module descriptions

Resources to go on website:

Examples of customised materials