## Charles Darwin University to offer online Graduate Diploma in Information and Knowledge Management

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hange – rhetoric, fashion or fact? (apologies to Angel Abel and Nigel Oxbrow, 2001) has become fact at Charles Darwin University! And we have a new course on the books for 2007.

Developing a program to deliver the changing mix of skills and knowledge that are required to work in the world of information and knowledge today has been a challenge. But we have developed a program that is innovative, exciting, and highly responsive to the information and knowledge management demands of the private and public sectors. The development of the program, including the units, is an ongoing joint effort between industry professionals and Charles Darwin University academic and educational design staff.

The program is targeting graduates from a variety of disciplines, and it is expected that graduates will be able to take up roles as research officers, information managers, librarians, information consultants or knowledge managers in a range of professional environments and organisations.

The program consists of six core and 2 elective units, and is fully external online. Depending on the electives completed in the program, and their undergraduate discipline area, graduates could also pursue careers in archives and records management.

It is hoped that the program will pave the way for a broad cohort of students across the Territory, as well as nationally, to pursue careers in the information and knowledge management industry.

It is expected that those entering the program will have completed an undergraduate degree or equivalent. Consideration for admission will also be given to applicants without an undergraduate degree who can demonstrate prior learning and at least five years appropriate professional experience. Applications for admission without an undergraduate degree or equivalent must be supported by a portfolio that includes a CV, references and a statement addressing professional experience.

The University has advertised for a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer to lead the program from 2007, and will be seeking ALIA recognition in 2007.

Further information available from the ALIA website at http://www.alia.org.au/education/courses/librarianship.html or the Charles Darwin University website www.cdu.edu.au. Contact Elizabeth Desailly, current Course Co-ordinator, by phone on 08 89466389, or e-mail Elizabeth.Desailly@cdu.edu.au.











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