



WOOSUK UNIVERSITY

LOCATION:

South Korea

TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

2,500

SUCCESS METRICS:

- » Builds resumes with industry-recognized certification
- » Validates basic technology skills learned in elective courses
- » Helps students find self confidence

South Korean University Helps Students Enter Job Market with Microsoft Office Specialist Certification

Success Story

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Woosuk University Expanding MOS Program due to Success Teaching Students General Technology Skills

CHALLENGE

Woosuk University was established in South Korea in 1979 with "competence, confidence, and commitment" as its mission. Approximately 8,000 students attend Woosuk University where they choose from 19 degree programs in disciplines such as Psychology, Medical and Health Services, and Information Security.

Woosuk University aims to produce holistic leaders with strong communication skills. Facing a very difficult economy, the University needed to find a way for students to stand out in the job market. "We want to see our students develop impressive resumes during their time at Woosuk and get hired by

top companies when they graduate," said Seok-Shin Lee, Liberal Arts Faculty, Woosuk University.

All faculty members at the University worked together closely and discussed the best way they could help students find employment.

SOLUTION

YBM, Certiport Solution Provider in Korea, approached Woosuk about the Microsoft Office Certification program, an internationally recognized credential that would help students stand out in the crowd with validated Microsoft skills in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and other programs.

"We knew MOS certification would help our students develop skills that would benefit them in the job market," said Seok-Shin Lee.

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"We liked MOS because it taught more than just technology skills but general skills that all students should learn before they graduate."

In order to implement the MOS program, a Woosuk curriculum commission conducted an in-depth study and discussions were held as to whether MOS would be beneficial to students or not. Then, professors had an opportunity to learn and study MOS themselves to learn more about the program. There were similar courses already taught at Woosuk, and some

professors were afraid of losing their jobs. YBM supported them as they learned about the MOS program and how to teach it, and provided courseware to administer MOS tests before the professors were asked to teach MOS to the



students. After the professors' pilot test, it was decided that MOS would be adopted as an elective course at Woosuk University.

RESULTS

In 2012, more than 2,500 MOS exams were administered at Woosuk University and 2,200 candidates passed. The courses at Woosuk focus not only on passing but also on individual scores, which are related to course credit to encourage students to study hard to get higher scores on the certification exams.

There are many students who have found employment after completing the MOS program, and they have increased confidence in their technology skills. Even after students are hired at their first job, MOS certification helps them to perform tasks in Word and Excel efficiently.

The MOS program has been such a success, Woosuk plans to expand the course offerings to benefit up to 4,000 students next year.

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