

## FAQs for Specialist Diploma in Mobile Apps Development (SMAP) Course

### **A. ADMISSION ENQUIRY**

#### **1.1 Can you tell me more about the Specialist Diploma in Mobile Apps Development (SMAP)?**

The SMAP is a part-time course. This course aims to equip students with the skills to develop mobile applications on the Android platform. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to understand object-oriented concepts, design user interfaces for mobile devices, develop mobile applications, and create and consume web services.

The Specialist Diploma in Mobile Apps Development (SMAP) is a hybrid course comprising 75% face-to-face and 25% e-learning sessions. It is a part-time course taking place over a one year duration and is targeted at Degree or Diploma holders who wish to learn mobile application development.

#### **1.2 What is the entry requirement needed to apply for this course?**

Applicants should have a relevant engineering or IT Polytechnic Diploma/Degree from recognised institution or an equivalent qualification. Degree holders or polytechnic diploma from other disciplines must have at least 2 years of experience in programming.

#### **1.3 Are there any pre-requisites in the modules offered in SMAP course?**

No, there are no pre-requisites, as long as you have 2 years of experience in Programming. Generally, the modules offered in Semester 1 are the foundation modules and those in Semester 2 are the intermediate ones i.e. more in-depth. Students are advised that they must have the essential skills/knowledge of the foundation modules before taking on the Semester 2 modules.

#### **1.4 What is the duration of the course?**

It is a part-time course taking place over a one year duration.

#### **1.5 I would like to know how many intake per year? When will be the next intake?**

Two intake per year (April and October). Registration period opens in December to January for the April intake and June to July for the October intake.

### **B. CAREER PROSPECTS AND FURTHER EDUCATION**

#### **2.1 Who is suitable for this course?**

Programmers, Project Leaders, Web Developers, Systems Analysts, Business Analysts, Application Developers and Mobile Application Developers.

**2.2 Would I be able to pursue further studies at local or overseas universities after graduating from the course?**

Graduates from the Specialist Diploma in Mobile Apps Development who are suitably qualified maybe able to apply for advance standing at many local and overseas universities, for example University of Queensland in Bachelor of Information Technology.

**C. COURSE FEE ENQUIRY**

**3.1 What is the course fee? Any subsidies that one may apply for?**

Please refer to [www.sp.edu.sg/pace/courses/nsmap](http://www.sp.edu.sg/pace/courses/nsmap)

**3.2 Is this course (SMAP) open to non-Singaporean?**

Yes, it is open to anyone who meets the entry requirements. However, Non-Singaporeans must be working in Singapore and possess a valid Employment Pass / Work Permit / Immigration Pass throughout the course duration.

**3.3 Is there any government subsidy for the SMAP course?**

Singapore Citizen (SC) will enjoy subsidy based on the age in the year of enrolment for the modular certificate/post-diploma certificate.

Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR) will enjoy subsidy if he/she not having previously attained a qualification at the diploma or higher level subsidised by the government.

SPRs who transfer or re-admit from a part-time diploma within the same or across polytechnics are eligible for the subsidy covering the Funding period, less the number of semesters of subsidy received for the previous courses.

MOE subsidy will not be applicable for students who repeat modules or modular certificates/post diploma certificates.

**3.4 For non-Singaporean, there will not be any course subsidy or financial aids?**

MOE subsidy is only available to Singaporean and Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR)

**3.5 Who should I contact should I require further information about the (SMAP) course?**

For inquiries, please write to us at [smap@sp.edu.sg](mailto:smap@sp.edu.sg) or call the following:  
Ms Elyn Goh @ 6772-1900

**D. CONTENT AND FORMAL CERTIFICATION**

#### **4.1 What is the Course Outline for this course?**

This course consists of 2 post diploma certificates (PDCs). Each PDC comprises two modules and the details are as follows:

##### **Semester One**

##### **PDC 1 Certificate in Mobile User Interaction and Programming**

Module 1 - Mobile Programming

Module 2 - Mobile User Interaction

##### **Semester Two**

##### **PDC 2 Certificate in Mobile Applications and Web Services**

Module 3 - Mobile Applications

Module 4 - Web Services

#### **4.2 How do I get the Specialist Diploma or a Certificate at the end of the course?**

Upon successful completion of two modules for each semester, a student will be awarded with a post-diploma certificate. If a student successfully completes 2 PDCs, he will be awarded the following:

- Specialist Diploma in Mobile Apps Development
- Post-Diploma Certificate in Mobile User Interaction and Programming
- Post-Diploma Certificate in Mobile Applications and Web Services

#### **4.3 Is it possible to just apply for one PDC instead of two? In my case, I am only interested in PDC2 – Certificate in Mobile Applications and Web Services?**

Yes, you may just apply for PDC2. You will be awarded the Post-Diploma Certificate in Mobile Applications and Web Services for the completion of the two modules.

#### **4.4 How is the Specialist Diploma in Mobile Apps Development (SMAP) conducted in the e-learning mode?**

The course provides students 24-hour access to all the study materials and learning facilities hosted at the course web site, which students can log onto practically anywhere in the world using a personal computer with Internet access.

For each module, there will be a learning guide to lead participants through a semester schedule. The guide spells out the detailed activities that the students should complete on a weekly basis.

Typical activities for a week would include reading course notes, work on online quiz, hands-on exercise, website exploration, assignment and to participate in threaded discussion.

#### **4.5 What is the curriculum schedule for this course?**

There are scheduled classes on campus. The face-to-face sessions are scheduled twice a week, 3 hrs each session for one module. In total there are 15 academic weeks in one semester.

#### **4.6 What is the timing and duration of each lesson?**

Each lesson is from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. It is most likely to be on every Tuesday and Thursday.

**4.7 Are students required to bring their own notebook?**

Yes.

You may wish to consider alaptop PC with the following specifications:

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 7 / 8 / 8.1 / 10  
RAM : 4GB Minimum (8GB Recommended)  
HDD : 500GB