

CASE STUDY: Employability Course

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BACKGROUND

I'd been working as an accountant for a firm for four years and was made redundant when they outsourced their accounts division. I knew it was coming for quite a while so it wasn't a huge shock. I then got a year's contract work with another company, but when that came to an end I signed on at the JobCentre. My advisor suggested that I take an Ixion employability course, because while I'd been getting interviews, I wasn't nailing the jobs. I thought it sounded like a good idea and hoped it would help with my interview skills which I suppose were a bit rusty.

The course ran from Monday to Wednesday with a jobs fair on the Thursday. The guy leading the course, Seb, was very professional; I found him engaging and motivating. The content was also very good, including learning about the hidden jobs market and how to conduct yourself in an interview. The lady who was running the course alongside Seb also explained about neuro-linguistic programming which was very interesting, I wasn't expecting to get that kind of information.

I had a telephone interview with Ingeus UK for an assistant accountant role during the first couple of days of the course and had a proper interview on the Friday. I got the job, I think partly because I'd given a good interview. The course definitely gave me a boost of confidence when it came to talking about myself and I felt much more prepared than normal. So the course definitely came at the right time for me.



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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

I'm now a full time assistant accountant for Ingeus UK which has been named the 21st best company to work for in the UK. My role includes working on accruals, journals and month-end figures as well as payment runs. I'm also studying for my Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) qualifications and hope to have finished those in about three years.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

I'd like to become fully qualified and work my way up the accountancy ranks.

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