There has been an explosion of computer users in business. These users neither know, nor need to know, very much about how a computer works in order to use it. Therefore there is a great demand for “user advocates” to help them decide which technology is appropriate for their needs and to help them deploy and use that technology. The Associate Information Technology degree program will provide the resources for Monroe students to become one of these much sought-after advocates.

Information Technology students learn to “make things work” for people in today’s business. The curriculum develops competencies in four major areas: technical/practical skills, business/soft skills, industry/field experience and certifications.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Monroe Information Technology students have the opportunity to join several different major-related clubs, including the Information Technology Student Association (ITSA) and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE).
- A degree in Information Technology is valuable because IT professionals can be found in virtually all industries, including health, fashion, music, financial, hospitality, non-profit, and government.
- Students enrolled in Monroe’s Information Technology program are taught by leaders in IT including CIOs, network analysts, database administrators, project managers, web designers, software engineers and more.

**POPULAR CAREER PATHS**

Some of the more popular career choices for graduates of Monroe’s Associate in Information Technology degree program include:

- Systems Analysis
- Software Engineering
- Application Development
- Network Design
- Web Development
- Database Administration
- Computer Support and Training
Recommended MAP Sequence

The Monroe Advantage Plan is a unique three-semester plan that offers our students the opportunity to earn up to 45 credits in just one year. By following the below recommended sequence, you can receive your Associate in Information Technology in just 16 months and still enjoy time off in December, April and a full month in August.

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Recommended MAP Sequence

I was working in an office job that just wasn’t for me. When I decided to go back to school, Monroe made it easy to continue work during the day while attending classes at night and on the weekend. Now I feel like I’m really doing what I’m supposed to be doing—something that I love.

Working Professional

I always knew I wanted to work within the IT industry. My home country did not offer a lot of the opportunities that I knew I could find in the U.S., so I decided to pursue my degree at Monroe. The professors made my transition easy.

International Student

When I first started at Monroe, I wasn’t sure about the MAP schedule because I wanted summers off. But I was able to graduate before my friends and I still had the entire month of August to spend with my friends and family.

Recent High School Grad