

Matching students to work vacancies

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TAFE Queensland is testing an online system that will match students with job vacancies and prepare them for employment.

The three-month trial, which began last week, will run at Logan TAFE and the Open Learning Institute of TAFE.

Developed by Graduate Programs Australia, the e2e.NET trial involves more than 26,000 TAFE students, who have been issued with user names and passwords to the system.

The e2e.NET tool helps students preparing to enter the workforce, registers job vacancies and allows electronic matching of graduates to roles.

About 4500 employers in the Logan area are involved in the trial, funded by GPA and TAFE Queensland's Centre for Innovation and Development.

Queensland Employment, Training and Industrial Relations Minister Tom Barton said the e2e.NET pilot demonstrated TAFE's commitment to vocational programs and support for students to achieve training goals and find a job.

E2e.NET's 34 interactive online learning modules cover all aspects of the transition from education to employment.

"It is aimed at preparing students for the transition to employment so they are a better product for industry," GPA managing director Brandon Thompson said.

E2e.NET was relevant to first-year TAFE students as well as graduates, he said.

"There is definitely a focus on those people moving out of educational environments into a full-time career, but it is equally appropriate for students who are in the early years of study because the same skills would be used if they were looking for part-time or casual work," he said.

If the trial was successful, it would be introduced across TAFE's statewide network of 15 institutes, 86 sites and 240,000 students, Mr Thompson said.

There were plans to expand the program to other states, he said.

"We are hoping we can remove the need to run a pilot in other states because the product will be demonstrated through the work we are doing for TAFE Queensland," he said.