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TAFE Queensland Brisbane Hospitality students employed by QPAC prior to finishing qualification

TAFE Queensland Brisbane have partnered with Queensland Performing Arts Complex (QPAC) to deliver hospitality training with a twist.

In January 2015, seven TAFE Queensland Brisbane students undertook a newly-styled Certificate III in Hospitality (Food and Beverage), a trial program co-delivered by QPAC.

In addition to studying at the award-winning hospitality training facilities, the students also completed a Working in the Creative Arts competency module delivered by QPAC. This module included an extensive tour of the impressive facility and insights into the day-to-day running of the business.

This program was delivered in an accelerated format designed to develop the students' skills and prepare them to engage in the work experience element of the program: providing food and beverage service to patrons of the popular musical WICKED.

The partnership resulted in five of the seven students successful in gaining paid employment with QPAC as ongoing casual food and beverage attendants before they completed their studies.

QPAC has said it is a great outcome from its partnership with TAFE Queensland to have placed a number of hospitality students into jobs. The students were enthusiastic about working alongside some of QPAC's skilled food and beverage service professionals and immersed themselves in every task to demonstrate their true passion for working in hospitality. QPAC is considering a similar, second program to run later this year.

TAFE Queensland Brisbane student Ashleigh Fraser was delighted to have the experience of working with QPAC.

"I loved the opportunity to practice my new hospitality skills at QPAC and can't believe I am now employed there! I would recommend this program to anyone considering a career in hospitality." She said.

Due to the initial success of the partnership with QPAC, TAFE Queensland Brisbane is also negotiating a similar program preparing students to gain work experience at the Brisbane Ekka 2015 through a partnership with RNA.

To find out more about hospitality courses and programs available, contact TAFE Queensland Brisbane on 13 72 48.

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