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Congratulations to Northumbria University

> *High quality University praised by QAA*

Informatics is proud of its strategic university partner, the Northumbria University which has been recognised as a high quality education provider by the Quality Assurance Agency after its recent audit.

The QAA has stated "broad confidence can be placed in the soundness of the institution's current and likely future management of the quality of its academic programmes and the academic standards of its awards."

The QAA undertook a major Institutional Audit of the University in April, conducting in-depth audit trails on English, Computing and Business Information Systems, Accounting and Financial Management, Sports Science, applied Social Work and engaged with many Service Departments.

They have highlighted areas of good practice in the extent, quality and integration of diverse central departments involved in providing staff development, including the Applauding and Promoting Teaching awards and the engagement of schools and central departments in sharing good practice across the institution, especially the work of the Quality Enhancement Groups.

The University's use of electronic communication systems, particularly Desktop Anywhere and the virtual learning environment to support flexible and blended learning and communicating with students were praised, as were innovations in student-centred assessment and learning.

The QAA also highlighted the priority given to the quality of the student experience, particularly for international students, students with disabilities, students progressing from Foundation Degrees and students on placements;

Vice-Chancellor Professor Kel Fidler said: "We all work extremely hard to ensure our students achieve exacting academic standards and we give them tremendous support throughout their academic journey.

The audit provides public information on the quality of the University's programmes of study and on the academic standards of our awards.

I am delighted to report that our efforts have paid dividends and the auditors were able to confirm confidence in our academic standards."

The university is expecting another review in spring 2006 on all the Health and Nursing programmes.



Informatics offer-Higher education programmes from Northumbria University

Informatics provides higher education programmes from the 'high quality university', Northumbria University. They are:

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This well-established degree provides an integrated approach to engineering, linking academic rigour, engineering applications, and marketing and business skills to prepare graduates for a range of exciting careers.

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