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AMP launches Diploma of Financial Services

AMP is boosting its training capability by introducing a new qualification, the Diploma of Financial Services, which will be available through its Horizons Academy from January 2011.

AMP Horizons Director Tim Steele said the introduction of the Diploma to the Horizons suite demonstrates AMP's commitment to raising the standards of education in the financial planning industry.

"During our recruitment process at the Horizons Academy we recognised there was a large candidate base looking for the opportunity to complete their Diploma of Financial Services," Mr Steele said.

The Diploma of Financial Services is designed for those who want to start a career in the financial services industry, or expand on an existing one.

AMP, in conjunction with Pinnacle Financial Services Academy, will offer the Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning) as a six month course, with elective face to face weekly tutorials held at the AMP Horizons Academy in St Leonards, Sydney.

Through offering this new course AMP Horizons is adding to its training suite. The Diploma of Financial Services is prerequisite for those who want to be considered for the Academy's highly sought after Professional Year Program, a financial planning boot camp for those who are serious about becoming financial planners.

"The Diploma further enhances the quality of offering to our future planners, providing them with the first milestone of professional development training and learning, aimed at growing expertise in the financial planning industry," Mr Steele said.

The structure of the course develops the generic and specialist knowledge required to provide advice to clients, as well as modules focusing on the development of advisory skills and construction of advice recommendations.

"This course offers considerably more face to face time than other programs in the market, providing students with an opportunity to receive direct mentoring and resolve difficulties progressively throughout the training," Mr Steele added.

Pinnacle is an Australian-owned financial planning education company that provides accredited training services in the financial services sector.

Pinnacle's Managing Director John Prowse said by offering the Diploma of Financial Services, AMP is boosting the professionalism of the industry.

“Providing comprehensive and high quality training is essential in building strong careers in the Financial Planning Industry. We are delighted to have the opportunity to partner with AMP,” Mr Prowse said.

The first intake for the Diploma of Financial Services is scheduled to commence on 13 January 2011. Completion of this Diploma does not guarantee entry into the Horizons Professional Year Program as standard application process applies.

For more information on the course and enrolment, please contact horizons_academy@amp.com.au or Pinnacle on 1300 782 822 or info@pinnacle.edu.au.

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