

Education Placements

8th May – 9th June 2017

Undergraduates in their second year of study from a range of disciplines seeking a 5-week unpaid education placement



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Work Based
Learning

What is Work Based Learning?

As part of their programme of study, our second year undergraduates have the opportunity to engage in a 5-week work placement. This can provide an insight into a future career and introduces them to target setting and reflection whilst contributing to the work of their provider. Many students choose an education setting and are hoping to use the experience as the basis for an application for teacher training.

- 5-week unpaid placement, 8th May – 9th June 2017*.
- Involve student in the school/college like a regular employee.
- Agree student's placement objectives to reflect the role and tasks.
- Provide any reasonable adjustments for those with disabilities/SEN**.
- Conduct appraisal**.

* A minimum of 150 hours over no less than 5 weeks. Please see the note about half-term. Workload and work pattern to be negotiated between the individual and the organisation. We really appreciate placement providers taking individual's other commitments into consideration e.g. childcare, part-time work.

** Guidance provided.

Activities

Whilst WBL students on placement are not trainees on teaching practice, they are still able to get actively involved and make a positive contribution to school or college life:

- Provide classroom assistance and support small groups.
- Production of teaching resources, assistance with lesson planning and preparation.
- Assist with extra-curricular activities, parent-teacher meetings, outings, events etc.
- Undertake project work for a department.
- Assist with activities in the library, IT, admin.
- Provide a positive role model for pupils and students.
- Observation of teaching best practice.
- Insight into preparation of students from the next phase of education.



How to Participate

If you would like to offer placements through the University then please complete and return the Placement Offer Form. We will make placements available to our students and coordinate the shortlisting and matching process. Once names are confirmed, the applicant/s will contact you directly with a CV and covering letter.

If you have already provisionally agreed to offer a placement directly to a student, they will send your details to the University. We will then send out a placement confirmation pack.

We expect all students will attend an interview and to agree on a placement objectives and half-term project prior to their University-based Induction Programme (week commencing 1st May).



DBS and Costs

Students will meet their own DBS check costs and the applications process will be carried out by the University for the purposes of undertaking a schools/college based placement. All placements are unpaid. Students can apply to the University for a subsidy for travel to and from the placement. The University is not able to reimburse students for any additional expenses incurred through the placement e.g. travel as part of work, purchase of uniforms etc. We would ask the organisation to make any such costs clear to students prior to the start of placement and offer financial assistance if appropriate.

“It has been a rewarding experience not only for myself professionally but also to see my student grow into a leader and actually teach a lesson, which is not an easy thing to undertake!”

Whitby High School

Attendance and the Half-Term Project

Many schools and colleges will be closed for half-term holiday in the fourth week of placement. The module requirement is that students complete a minimum of **150 hours over the 5 week period** in placement and so we ask that the organisation and student decide on a work-based project to supplement hours as necessary. In addition to projects suggested by the University, provider and student can nominate their own if they so wish.

Alternatively the student can take the opportunity to engage in any sports /holiday clubs if applicable. Unfortunately we are unable to support placements where there is a two-week half-term within the Work Based Learning period unless a second placement is arranged to complete the full 5 weeks.

Skills and Subject Knowledge

As well as transferable work-based skills that our students can bring to a school or college, they also have course specific knowledge which they are eager to apply. The programmes of study that currently feature the Work Based Learning module include:

- Accounting and Finance, Business, Business Management, International Business, Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Tourism Management, Events Management, Hospitality Management.
- Animal Behaviour/Welfare, Animal Management, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, Zoo Management.
- Biology, Forensic Biology, Human Nutrition.
- Chemical Engineering, Natural Sciences.
- Commercial Music Production, TV Production, Radio Production.
- Community Policing and Criminal Investigation.
- Computer Science, Information Systems Management, Games Development, Interactive Digital Media.
- Drama, Dance, Theatre Studies, Performing Arts.
- Early Childhood Studies, Education Studies.
- English – Language and Literature, Creative Writing.
- Fine Art, Photography, Digital Photography, Graphic Design.
- Geography, International Development Studies, Natural Hazard Management.
- Health and Social Care.
- History, Archaeology.
- Journalism, Sports Journalism, PR, Advertising, Music Journalism.
- Languages (French, German, Spanish), Chinese Studies.
- Law.
- Mathematics.
- Media Studies, Film Studies, Popular Music Performance.
- Sociology, Politics, Criminology, Counselling Skills, Psychology, International Relations, Economics.
- Sport and Exercise Sciences, Sport Development, Sports Coaching.
- Religious Studies, Theology.



The University of Chester has dedicated Work Based Learning offices in Chester and Warrington to oversee the whole placement process. If you are unsure whether a placement will be suitable, please call one of our expert Placement Co-ordinators.

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