Work Integrated Learning Descriptors



UQ definition of Work Integrated Learning

"Learning experiences that explicitly integrate theory with practice within a purposefully designed curriculum to foreground employability"

- 1. **Industry placements** (INDUSPLACE) Short or long term placements in a work environment/s supervised by an industry professional. Students may have direct interaction with colleagues, and clients, with responsibility for designated tasks related to the service provision of the host organisation.
 - (May also be known as: clinical placements, clinical rotations, practicum, internships, industry placements, start-up placements, extra-mural studies (EMS), professional practice, clinical practice, teaching practice, pre-clinical placements, work shadowing, service learning, observerships, field placements, work experience and work placements, including reflection on current employment)
- 2. **Industry projects** (INDUSPROJ) Projects overseen by an academic or professional staff member in collaboration with an industry partner or mentor, to produce an industry appropriate solution, response or artefact. Project work can be conducted on-campus or at a work site, research facility or institute, or a combination of locations.
 - (May also be known as: industry projects, community projects, industry research projects, practical projects, entrepreneurial projects, online or virtual projects).
- 3. **Work simulation** (WRKSIMULA) Learning activities and experiences that are specifically designed to simulate work tasks, using equipment and practices that are standard in industry. Generally conducted in specialised teaching facilities, or virtual work environments. E.g., activities with standardised patients, mooting activities, structured role-playing scenarios, radio and TV studios, rehearsing for, and giving a performance, virtual reality simulations, career mentoring.
 - (May also be known as workplace practice, virtual or online experience programs)
- 4. **Fieldwork** (FIELDWORK) Learning activities supervised by a subject matter expert or industry professional, that expose students to an environment where they can apply, or can observe the application of theory into work practices or the outcome of such work. E.g., worksite visits, study tours to sites of significance, excavations, data or sample collection, environmental monitoring.
 - (May also be known as: fieldwork, observation, field trips, study tours, and excursions)