

CSP010 Professional Placement

Module credits 120

Learning outcomes

- Enhanced understanding gained from practical application of knowledge acquired in the first two years of the student's programme
- Awareness of industrial and commercial practice and the requirements of a professional workplace
- Experience in working with people at all levels of the profession
- Knowledge and skills gained from working with practitioners, and experience of the benefits of such learning
- Enhanced time management and communication skills
- Personal development

Content

A programme of supervised training by provided by an employer, approved by the University and with monitoring by academic staff of the University.

The training should cover at least:

- Two stages of the software lifecycle
- Any specific technical skills not previously acquired by the student that are required for successful execution of the student's placement duties
- Professional skills.

Required modules

A broad computing foundation established by passing stages 1 and 2 of one of:

- BSc Computing Science
- BSc Computing for Business
- BSc Combined Honours (Computer Science Option)
- BSc Multimedia Technology (as from 2006/07)

Learning provision

- A minimum of 40 weeks of employment in an approved training situation.
- At least one and normally two visits to the training establishment by an academic supervisor.
- Regular contact, and support as appropriate, through electronic communication.

Assessment

On a pass/ fail basis, with the possibility of referral.

The student is required to produce satisfactory reports[†] on the work carried out during the placement, and to conduct the placement in a professional manner. In assessing the latter aspect, the Examination Board will consider reports from the student's academic supervisor, and may take account of reports from the placement employer.

(†) For students entering from 2004 onwards, a satisfactory log-book and reflective final report will be required, in accordance with the relevant General Regulations.

Reading

As recommended by the placement employer.