

Module Details	
Module Title	School of Chemistry and Biosciences Placement Experience
Module Code	BIS5021-Z
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	N/A
School	School of Chemistry and Biosciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 5

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Placement	900
Tutorials	4

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Full Year

Module Aims
<p>To provide students with experience of the workplace in an environment appropriate to their course of study.</p> <p>To enable students to put their academic learning into a practical context, acquiring experience of real-world practical tasks.</p> <p>To develop and exercise a broad range of skills including specialist technical problem solving, time-management, communication and management skills</p> <p>To gain experience of careers relevant to their course of study.</p>

Outline Syllabus

Tasks and responsibilities will vary according to the host placement organisation. There is no defined syllabus and placements are made available by voluntary cooperation of companies and other organisations. The activities and duties while on placement will depend to a large extent on the nature of the business/profession.

Students must complete a minimum of 24 weeks (900 hours) in the workplace, excluding holidays. Students may complete a combination of placements both overseas and in the United Kingdom, including a semester of study abroad, provided these requirements are met and the number of placements does not exceed a maximum of 3.

The placement or international experience will take place in a location and organisation which has been approved by the Faculty.

Learning Outcomes

Outcome Number	Description
01	Evidence the ability to work independently and complete tasks to a professional standard.
02	Reflect, analyse and take responsibility for personal progress and effective skills development in order to manage time, self and resources effectively whilst on placement.
03	Demonstrate first-hand knowledge of the workings of one or more relevant professional organisations.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Students will be allocated an academic supervisor from the School of Chemistry and Bioscience. Students will also be assigned a placement supervisor who will be a member of the staff of the organisation in which the professional placement or international experience is based.

Placement organisations will be responsible for designing a scheme of work and experiences for the student, giving initial training for the task(s) set and encouraging the student to work independently and take responsibility for the project(s) concerned.

The academic member of staff will offer quarterly online meetings with the student whilst on placement.

Students are required to submit monthly progress reports via the VLE. These reports will include not only the student's reflection but also a progress report from the placement supervisor.

The placement report (5000 words) will demonstrate the student's knowledge and understanding of the host organisation and the need for, and value of, the projects undertaken.

The final assessment is a portfolio which includes: a reflective element allowing the student to explore their own strengths and weaknesses; a curriculum vitae demonstrating the experiences and skills acquired during the placement year and the placement supervisors final report confirming that the student has completed the prerequisite time.

Students who successfully complete this module will be eligible for a University Diploma in Professional Studies.

Reassessment in the Portfolio and Placement Report is permitted but there is no opportunity to retake the Placement.

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Progress reports (including supervisor's report) (Pass/Fail) MUST PASS	0%
Summative	Presentation	Portfolio (including supervisor's final report) (pass/fail) MUST PASS (2000 words)	0%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Placement report/dissertation (5000 words)	100%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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