

Course Overview

Practical Training

Code: GMT801	Practical Training	Total Hours: 16 hrs./week
Pre-requisite:		Theoretical: 2
Semester: Eighth		Practical: 14 hrs./week

General Objective	
1.	To consolidate professional knowledge, attitudes and skills through immersion in practice.
2.	To confirm competence to practice with in the appropriate boundaries of professional autonomy.

Guidelines

The following guidelines are generic in nature and will require some modification to meet the specific needs of each profession.

- This is a period that focuses on student practice, not merely on observation
- Students will be supervised through out practice
- Students will have a named supervisor
- Students will have a named contact from the Institute (personal tutor)
- Institute tutor and the named practice supervisor will set placement objectives
- Students are required to reflect on their learning during the practice placements. This may be achieved through a variety of ways, e.g. a reflective portfolio. This portfolio must show the following:
 1. Log book of daily activity of work.
 2. Tests that student run during each day.
 3. Number of samples student has worked.
 4. List of equipment the student has used each week.
 5. A monthly report from the practice supervisor.
 6. A final report from the mentioned supervisor.
 7. A monthly report from the tutor.
 8. A final report from the tutor.
- Students will be assessed at appropriate points during and /or at the end of the placement
- Students must not pass until they have demonstrated professional competence
- Students who fail to demonstrate safe practice will automatically fail the semester
- Students who fail the semester may be permitted to retake the whole semester, at the discretion of the Institute.

Recommendation

Practice placement supervisors should receive training for their role in working with, and assessing students and this should be repeated on a regular basis. This could be undertaken in a multi professional context. Placement supervisors should be required to undertake regular updates of their professional practice.