

Level Five Work/Voluntary Placement Experience Information

BSc Psychology and Counselling: equivalent of up to 20 days placement experience (40 credit module – Counselling Skills and Approaches)

BSc Psychology: equivalent of up to 10 days placement experience (20 credit module – Psychology for Work)

Essential information for students:

- It is the responsibility of the student to find, contact, and arrange a suitable placement
- The placement itself is not assessed, but development of skills and the ability to reflect upon the placement experience is required for the completion of assessments for all placement modules.
- Placements can take place in person or online. Again – it is the students' responsibility to locate an appropriate placement.
- Hours spent on placement activities are negotiable and are likely to be contingent on Covid guidance throughout the academic year (if not taking place online, for example), however it is strongly advised that all students attempt to take part in a placement experience. It is far more beneficial to gain some experience than none.
- Current job roles could count towards placement hours. If you are currently working in a relevant job role, please discuss this with the module lead.
- The **Placement Information Form** must be completed by all students and sent to the module lead by the FINAL deadline of 22nd September 2021 to be signed off prior to placement activities commencing. We are accepting early submissions of the placement information form at two points prior to this (below) and if you want to engage in your placement over the summer period you MUST submit your form early. You will not be permitted to take part in any placement activity without confirmation of approval from the organisation.
 - Wednesday 21st July 2021
 - Wednesday 1st September 2021
- Placement hours should be completed by the end of January 2022, but may be extended into the second semester if required. Placements can start at any time BUT must only commence following sign off from the module lead.
- There is no work involved for the placement organisation: the module lead will contact your nominated contact within the placement organisation to confirm the placement (following your submission of the placement information form), and to deal with any queries that arise throughout the academic year.
- In accordance with university guidelines, no student is permitted to start a placement if they have failed to attend the placement briefing. Attendance at the placement briefing on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 is, therefore, imperative and attendance will be recorded. Note that there will be one final opportunity to attend a placement briefing in early September (date to be confirmed by programme team).

- There are contingency plans in place should Covid have a profound impact on the ability of students to arrange a suitable placement for the 2021/22 academic year. Please note, however, that students must demonstrate an attempt to arrange a placement and information regarding contact and responses is expected to be documented and shared with the module lead if a placement is not secured.