

FAQs for Students relating Work Placement

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1. I am currently or about to start a work placement this semester. What should I do?

All Students on or scheduled to commence a Work Placement this semester (Other than Nursing and Midwifery students see specific information below):

- Following the Institute's scheduled campus closure, DKIT has made the decision to cancel all placements for students who are currently on (or scheduled to commence) work placement during this semester
- **Students are asked not to attend work placement during this time.**
- The shortfall of hours as this will be addressed with your Department in due course.
- Your Placement Officer/Academic Supervisor will follow up with your work supervisor by e-mail and we would ask that you inform your work supervisor directly of this decision.
- We will continue to communicate any updates via email, DKIT website and Social Media.
- We appreciate your continued cooperation and patience on this issue.
- We want to reassure students that the institute will endeavour to ensure that all students will not face any academic disadvantage as a result of this disruption caused due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Further updates will follow on this.

All Students Nursing & Midwifery Students:

- Should have received a separate communication from your Head of Department of Nursing, Midwifery and Early Years. Please follow this advice. All subsequent questions should be directed to your Programme Director, Allocations Officer or the Head of Department of Nursing, Midwifery and Early Years.

2. I have informed by work placement that my placement has been cancelled by the Institute, however they want me to continue because they have procedures for working remotely / social distancing.

Following the Institute's scheduled campus closure, **DkIT has made the decision to cancel all placements for students who are currently on (or scheduled to commence) work placement during this semester.**

All students in this situation (excluding Nursing & Midwifery students) are encouraged to inform their placement coordinator and cancel their placement with immediate effect.

If you choose to continue in your placement, despite the above guidance from the Institute, this will be on your own terms. Your placement will not contribute towards

your academic achievement and will not be supported as a work placement by the Institute.

The decision to cancel all work placements has been made to ensure fairness to all students in this situation and to prioritise your safety and wellbeing at this time.

If you have any further questions, please contact your placement officer/academic supervisor.

3. Now that my placement has been cancelled how will this affect my overall academic achievement?

This institute is currently in the process of reviewing how the shortfall of work placement hours can be addressed at programme level. Further updates will be provided in the coming weeks.

We would like to reassure all students in this situation that the Institute is committed to ensuring that you will not face any academic disadvantage as result of the cancellation of the work placement or the continued disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

4. What happens if I stay on in my placement. Will this contribute towards my overall academic achievement?

No, the Institute has advised all students that are on (or scheduled to commence) work placement during this semester that they must cancel their work placement.

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If you have any further questions, please contact your placement officer/academic supervisor.