

The Importance of Work Experience

Prospective employers are going to be looking very closely at your CV to see why they should employ you and not someone else. Anything you can include in your CV that can give you an edge is essential. Work Experience is one such factor.

Work Experience is an integral part of some courses but not all; therefore any opportunity for you to find a placement if it is not part of your course should be grasped.

What does Work Experience entail? It means you will be taking up a position in your intended profession or line of work. It will be for a limited period of time.

The first thing work experience does is gives you an insight into the kind of work you are likely to be doing. You may be given a specific function or task to perform whilst you are there. It will give you a clear indication of whether you are suited. In some cases you may be given a range of tasks to do whilst you are there and this will give you an even greater awareness of your suitability.

One of the most valuable benefits of Work Experience is that in placing you in a real life situation, it gives you the opportunity to work with people for whom the job is their full time occupation. It is their livelihood. Working with other people requires you to develop skills and techniques to achieve a successful working relationship. It may be that the job you are doing will bring you into contact with clients and ordinary members of the public, where other skills are required.

A successful period of Work Experience will not only look good on your CV but it can also be a stepping stone for future employment.

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