

<b>Unit code</b>	LP30483 (CM) LP30484 (ED) LP30485 (HL) LP30486 (ME) LP30487 (SP)
<b>Unit title</b>	Work-Based Research Project
<b>Unit provider</b>	University of Bath
<b>Teaching provider</b>	Partner institution
<b>Aims</b>	<p>The aim of this unit is to demonstrate project management techniques and to undertake a pathway specific work-based research project, which introduces new knowledge, practice or policy to a workplace and should build on the skills gained in the 'Research Methods' unit.</p> <p>The content and assignment briefs for this unit will be contextualised to meet the needs of the pathway and the specific work-based setting.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p><i>The student should be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for the successful management of a project</li> <li>• Set a project in the broader management or organisational context, taking into account relevant theories and practices</li> <li>• Identify, research and analyse a specific work-based issue or opportunity of either practice or policy origin</li> <li>• Produce a research proposal, strategy and plan, and show how appropriate goals will be achieved</li> <li>• Present this research proposal in the workplace for approval</li> <li>• Conduct and manage the research</li> <li>• Evaluate the outcomes of the research, make recommendations and produce a final report of the research.</li> </ul>
<b>Skills</b>	<p><i>Intellectual: (taught, facilitated and assessed)</i> - principles of project and research management, range of approaches, techniques and tools used to manage projects, project lifecycle from conception to evaluation, project and research design.</p> <p><i>Professional: (taught, facilitated and assessed)</i> - analysis and research in the workplace, research techniques, working within an organisation, confidentiality issues, ethical boundaries of research.</p> <p><i>Practical: (taught, facilitated and assessed)</i> – research methodology, literature searches, developing proposals, selecting appropriate criteria, evaluation techniques, consultation, report-writing.</p> <p><i>Key Skills (facilitated – assessed through other units)</i> – this unit will support students in the demonstration of competence in professional and practical skills to be used in the workplace.</p>

<b>Content</b>	This unit concentrates on developing a clear understanding of research methodologies in a work-based situation and helps develop project-management skills by the implementation and delivery of that project. The clear basis of this module is to follow a research project from initial thoughts through proposals, implementation to final recommendation and evaluation.
<b>Credits</b>	18
<b>Level</b>	H
<b>Total study hours</b>	360 hours
<b>Year of Programme &amp; Semester in which offered</b>	Full-time: Year Long Part-time: Year 1 and 2
<b>When available</b>	September 2009
<b>Location of study</b>	Partner institution
<b>Contact person</b>	Member of partner institution staff approved by the University of Bath
<b>Availability</b>	N/a

Relationship to other units (irrespective of programme of study)

<b>Pre-requisites</b>	None
<b>Co-requisites</b>	Research Methods (AS30181)
<b>Post-requisites</b>	None
<b>Forbidden combinations</b>	None

Assessment (lengths and weightings)

<b>Assessed coursework</b>	a) Action Plan for actual Research Project -10% b) Project Log 10% c) Project Report 5000 words 70% The Project Report must pass at 40% or above in order to complete the unit.
<b>Practical classes</b>	None
<b>Written examinations</b>	None
<b>Oral examinations</b>	Presentation of project outcomes 10%
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	None

<b>Date of approval</b>	July 2009
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**Taught contact time (per student):** *This section will be used as a request for timetabling and only needs to be completed for NEW units.*

	<b>Please indicate hours per session, sessions per week &amp; Semester</b>	<b>Staff member who will teach</b>	<b>Size of group</b>
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<b>a) Lectures</b>	FT Semester 1, PT Year 1: 25 hours on principles of project management and introduction to practical elements of the unit		
<b>b) Seminars/Tutorials</b>	5 hours project supervision		
<b>c) Practical classes (labs, computers, language, etc.)</b>	None		
<b>d) Workshops</b>	None		
<b>e) Field courses</b>	None		
<b>f) Other (please specify)</b>	10 hours preparation and execution of presentation to key workplace personnel and project supervisor		
<b>Private study time (estimate of time and indication of how it might be used)</b>	320 hours in the workplace: Analysis and research of project area Presenting project proposal to workplace Conducting and evaluating project Maintaining project log Writing management report		
<b>Any special facilities required:</b>	An appropriate workplace project		
<b>Shared teaching</b>			