

### The ISP practicum program from your perspective

- For me, one of the strengths of the ISP practicum program is its ability to expose students to real workplace scenarios while still giving them enough flexibility to manage academic requirements. The program helped me understand how to communicate professionally, manage time properly, and adjust to actual work processes. Another strength is that it encourages students to actively participate in a real work environment and apply what they learned from school subjects.

For the weakness of the program, I believe that the timeline for securing a company could be improved. Many students wait until the start of the ISPRACT term before applying, which causes delays. It would be better to start applying earlier, ideally right after midterms or even during the semester break, so students can process requirements smoothly and avoid overlapping with finals week. The delay in finding a company can affect the overall flow of the practicum.

- The main problem that I encountered during my practicum was related to the process of finding a company. Since I did not apply immediately after midterms, it took time to wait for responses and secure a placement. This delay made the start of my practicum a bit rushed, and it affected my initial schedule. There were also minor communication issues at times, especially when clarifying instructions for deliverables. These concerns taught me that preparing early and asking questions clearly are important in both school and workplace settings.
- Most of the subjects in the ISP curriculum helped me during the practicum, but certain subjects were especially useful.
  - **Information Systems subjects** helped me understand workflows, tools, and processes used in the workplace.
  - **Programming-related subjects** supported me when handling tasks that required analysis, logic, and understanding of systems.
  - **Professional Communication** helped me write proper emails, communicate with supervisors, and maintain a professional tone.
  - **Ethics and IT-related subjects** guided me in handling data responsibly and following workplace rules.

These subjects strengthened the skills I needed during the practicum and made it easier for me to adapt to work expectations.

- The suggested enhancement for the ISP practicum program is to guide students more clearly about when they should start looking for a company. Students should be encouraged to find a company earlier, preferably after midterms or during breaks. It would also help if the university could provide additional internship leads or updated partner companies, so students are not limited to outdated contacts. A clearer orientation about requirements, timelines, and expectations would make the practicum process easier for everyone.

### **Overall practicum training experience**

- I gained a lot of skills and competencies during my practicum. I learned to manage tasks more independently, follow work processes, and understand the flow of real workplace operations. I developed better organizational skills and became more comfortable handling responsibilities assigned to me. The training allowed me to apply both technical and soft skills, and it helped me improve my confidence when dealing with work assignments.
- My interpersonal skills improved significantly. I learned how to communicate with supervisors, ask questions properly, and interact with people in a professional manner. I also learned how to adjust to different personalities and work styles. Being exposed to meetings and teamwork helped me become more confident and proactive in sharing ideas or asking for clarifications when needed.
- My work attitude also improved throughout the practicum. I learned to be more responsible with deadlines, more patient when dealing with difficult tasks, and more disciplined in organizing my daily activities. I also developed better time management skills as I balanced school activities and work tasks. These improvements helped me develop a positive mindset during the practicum and prepare myself for future job environments.

## Workplace Photos











These photos represent the different experiences and activities that formed an important part of my practicum journey.