QUT Real World Learning
Partnering with industry and community in Work Integrated Learning

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- **Design**, specialising in:
  - Architectural Studies
  - Industrial Design
  - Interior Design
  - Landscape Architecture

- **Engineering**, specialising in:
  - Aerospace Avionics
  - Civil and Construction
  - Civil and Environmental
  - Electrical
  - Information Technologies
  - Mechanical
  - Medical
  - Software Engineering

- **Urban Development**, specialising in:
  - Construction Management
  - Property Economics
  - Quantity Surveying
  - Spatial Science
  - Urban and Regional Planning

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- **Dance**
- **Drama**
- **Fashion**
- **Film TV and New Media Production**
- **Interactive and Visual Design**
- **Journalism**
- **Media and Communication**
- **Music and Sound**
- **Technical Production**
- **Visual Arts**

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**LAW AND JUSTICE**

Through a diverse range of WIL options including guest lecturing, mentoring and on-site or virtual placements, our students learn from practising professionals, visiting professors and international experts. This close link with the professions along with award-winning, custom-designed software and facilities such as an electronic moot court, allows students to build on their studies through direct application of their knowledge and skills in real world situations.

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Study areas in the Faculty of Science and Technology include:

- **Applied Science**, majoring in:
  - Biochemistry
  - Biotechnology
  - Chemistry
  - Ecology
  - Environmental Science
  - Forensic Science
  - Geoscience
  - Microbiology
  - Physics

- **Medical Radiation Sciences**, including:
  - Medical Imaging Technology
  - Radiotherapy Technology
  - Sonography

- **Medical Science**, Biomedical Science, Corporate Systems Management, Mathematics or Pharmacy Games and Interactive Entertainment, majoring in:
  - Animation
  - Digital Media
  - Game Design
  - Software Technologies

**Information Technology**, specialising in:

- **Business Process Management**
- **Data Warehousing**
- **Digital Environments**
- **Enterprise Systems**
- **Information Management**
- **Network Systems**
- **Software Engineering**
- **Security**
- **Web Technologies**

**Technology Innovation**, majoring in:

- **Biochemistry**
- **Biomedical Science**
- **Biotechnology**
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**HEALTH**

Through supervised industry placements and practical experience in on-campus community clinics, students gain real world experience in a wide variety of health care settings. This integration ensures students develop the knowledge, skills and competencies expected of them as graduates.

**Discipline areas in the Faculty of Health include:**

- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Exercise and Movement Science
- Human Services
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Dietetics
- Optometry
- Paramedic
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work

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Your organisation can partner with QUT in WIL activities, providing students with real world learning experiences. Partnering in WIL also brings new ideas and energy to your organisation, and benefits your profession by better preparing graduates for practice.

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**Study areas in the Faculty of Business include:**

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