

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION MODEL AT TRA VINH UNIVERSITY, VIETNAM

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Abstract

In the global integration context, employers in Vietnam (hereafter called the industry) have imposed stricter requirements on employees' capacities. This requires universities to continuously improve curricula to enhance graduates' professional skills to meet the industry's demands. For doing that, universities need to establish successful partnerships with the industry in different ways and in the process of both curriculum development and training delivery. Tra Vinh University (TVU), a public university in the South of Vietnam, has implemented the Co-operative Education Model (hereafter called Co-op programs) as an effective way to strengthen the industry and university partnership since 2007. This model has made significant impacts on the training quality of the university as well as greatly contributed to the development of the university. This presentation reports how Co-op model is adapted from Canadian universities in the context of Vietnam and how Co-op programs are developed and delivered at TVU.

Biography



Thuy Tieu has worked for Tra Vinh University as an academic developer for nearly twenty years through the positions of the Head of Teacher Training Unit, the Director of Teaching and Learning Centre, then the Director of Centre of Excellence in Learning Resources and Innovation. Her experiences of and passion for supporting academics in enhancing their teaching capability motivated her to finish her doctoral research on academic professional development at Monash University, Australia. Her professional interests include academic professional development, curriculum development, industry collaboration, and soft skill training.