

Effects of the Industrial Practice Program Based on Reflection-in-action Teaching Approach upon MIS Students

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ABSTRACT

Recently, many industrial employers found that most MIS job seekers were fail to meet the enterprise demands although there are huge supply of IS graduates in Taiwan. Due to few universities offer industrial practice programs and the existing industrial practice programs need further improvements, e.g. students cannot cope with the course requirements and lack of evaluation methods for learning outcomes from such programs, redesign of the industrial practice programs has became a critical issue for MIS education. This study aims to implement a reflection-in-action approach for MIS industrial practice program and assess its impacts on student 's practical knowledge. This approach was implemented in a university 's MIS industrial practice course in which 98 students were enrolled. Quantitative and qualitative data were collected during the one year program. Results showed that students perceived positive impacts on knowledge acquisition and affective changes. More students were able to actively learn system design and to solve problems by themselves. Findings provide practical implications for MIS curriculum re-design and evaluation.

Keywords : industrial practice program、reflection-in-action、MIS education

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