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**A study in UiTM Samarahan Campus which focus on the students in Part 4, Part 5 and Part 6.**

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

## **1.0 Background of the study**

This research is about the perspective of Diploma in Public Administration (DPA) student which respondent are particularly part 4 to part 6 students towards taking part or joining the practical training which offered by the faculty of Administration Science and Political Study in Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). Working experience has become a vital component when one is looking for a job. Apart from the education and qualification of the candidates, most of the employers especially nowadays will consider those with working experience rather than typical candidates. For fresh graduates without any working experience, practical training may help them gain some experience and knowledge on the real world situation and thus can enhance their resume (Yusoff, 2008). Thus this study can help to contribute towards the importance of practical training towards student who still studying. This will help them in come to a decision whether they should or shouldn't accept the practical training offered to them as long as to raise the quality of their job resume.

There are several factors that lead to the preference by the university students' especially Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) focusing on Faculty in Administration Science and Political Study. Among the factors is preparation to the working environment, unnecessary to join practical training and others. Practical Training are defined as a term on the process that educated us in applying those subjects that we have learned in the classroom to the real working environment that according to our courses which is not compulsory for Public Administration course but being offered to the students of part five during their semester break. This study had been chosen by us as our research topic pertaining to the fact of the number of student who prefers to join or taking the Practical Training during their semester break is in a very low percentage.

# Chapter 2: Literature Review

## **2.0 Overview of Diploma in Public Administration**

This research is about the perspective of Diploma in Public Administration (DPA) student which respondent are particularly part 4 to part 6 student towards taking part or joining the practical training which offered by the faculty of Administration Science and Political Study in Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).

The expectations of the study are mainly to contribute towards the significance of practical training among student who are still studying and were planning in joining it. Therefore these will expectantly help them in come to a decision whether they should or shouldn't accept the practical training offered to them by the faculty which are able to raise the quality of their job resume as well as their experience dealing with real working environment and currently become a importance element searched by most of huge organization before they could hire a particular graduates to work with their company.

In order to guarantee future innovations and continual success, forward-looking organizations invest in identifying and preparing employees to be tomorrow's leaders according to a recent report from research and consulting firm Best Practices Logical Link Control. World-class companies maximize human capital and ensure goal achievement by incorporating leadership training into performance development initiatives (CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (BUSINESS WIRE); June 10, 2003). Future career itself can be define as a strategic plan for the upcoming profession that awaiting student after their graduation to guaranty that they will then have a bright and better lifestyle which can only be achieved if they manage to fulfill the requirement seek by the enormous

# Chapter 3: Research Methodology

This section converse the methodology of obtaining the success of this research.

The main purpose of the research is to investigate the perspective by Diploma in Public Administration students from part four to part six about the joining or taking part in the Practical Training offered by the course. To asses and evaluates the perspectives by the student, a city campus of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) situated in Kota Samarahan, Kuching Sarawak was chosen as the place to conduct this research. Data for research was collected through questionnaire.

## **3.0 Research Design**

The purpose of research design is to measure the perception of the target students on taking or joining the Practical Training that offered by the course. This is to obtain the feedback of the amount of student who is interested in joining Practical Training and how the Practical Training may affect their future. All the information we need is collected from the responses of the target students that we get from the questionnaires. This study will be conducted in UiTM Sarawak only.