

## FAQs: NSU's Practicum for teaching at an IB World School

### Which schools does NSU offer practicums at?

Current schools that NSU currently has an agreement with are:

- Branksome Hall Asia – Jeju Island, Korea: <https://www.branksome.asia/>
- International School Busan – Korea: <https://www.isbusan.org/>
- SMA Sita Hati Christian School – Indonesia: <https://www.bchati.sch.id/>
- Calorx Olive International School – India: <https://cois.edu.in/>
- German European School Manila – Philippines: <https://www.gesm.org/>

### How long is the practicum?

Practicums are generally 4 weeks in length. They usually take place during the school day (aprox 8.30 – 3.30 Monday to Friday). Opportunities to be involved in CAS and other extracurricular IB related opportunities will also exist outside of these hours.

### When would the practicum take place?

The weeks the practicum will take place are negotiated dependant on individual circumstance.

\*International schools usually operate Mid Jan to Mid Feb when Korean state schools are on holidays, so this tends to be a popular time for those teaching in Korean schools to do their practicum.

### Is the practicum on-line or face-to-face?

Practicum are generally face to face unless schools are still teaching remotely due to Covid. As of January 2022 the SMA Sita Hati Christian School is the only school still undertaking remote learning

### What is the cost of the practicum?

All schools request a 150000 KRW donation to the school with the exception of the German European School Manila who request 470000 KRW. This is paid for by the student.



### What does the practicum entail?

Each school will have their own preference for how the practicum is run.

Generally, the students undertaking the practicum will have the opportunity to do some or all of the following:

- Observe IB teachers in their own subject area, as well as other subject areas and the Core.
- Have the opportunity to teach lessons themselves, depending on the time of year they attend the practicum, and on the confidence levels of the student teacher.
- Opportunities to participate in CAS related activities
- Undertake 1-1 work with students (especially in relation to the core)
- Attend staff planning activities
- Observe assessment (formative and summative)
- In Continuum schools, spending time observing other programmes (PYP, MYP & CP)

### Will the school help with accommodation, transport and visas if applicable?

The schools will not provide accommodation or transport. This is the student's responsibility. They will help with the visa process, but the student is responsible for bearing the cost.

### Who should do the practicum?

Teachers who do not currently hold a teaching licence / teacher registration **must** do a practicum.

Teachers who currently hold a teaching licence / teacher registration are encouraged to undertake a practicum as an IB World school is very different to a non IB World School; however, it is not a requirement.

### How do you decide which student attends which school for the practicum?

NSU will liaise with the student and the school to ensure that students are matched with the school that best suits their subject matter and interests, as well as their location and availability.