

The CTP unit introduction to students

The CTP unit is introduced to students via the Moodle virtual learning environment, as follows:

The CTP unit *Consolidating Theory and Practice* is a compulsory unit of ICM study. This unit is assessed against a range of assessment criteria which you should download (PDF document) and read carefully.

This unit is worth six credits and involves approximately 100 hours of study. You must pass the CTP unit as well as the six compulsory Core Units (Units 1–6) in order to progress to the Option Unit stage of the ICM programme.

The CTP unit consists of three main components, which require you to:

- complete a Skills Assessment Template before starting each unit
- take part in online Consolidating Theory and Practice activities
- construct an e-portfolio using templates provided within the University *Confluence* wiki site for assessment.

As this unit runs over 18 months it may be helpful to:

- keep a personal learning archive (PLA) in which you store evidence that can be useful
- keep a reflective diary to record any thoughts you might want to draw upon later.

There are six online CTP activities; each activity takes place towards the end of your study of each of the corresponding compulsory Core units.

CTP activities usually last about five days and consists of a research phase followed by an online discussion phase.

The e-Portfolio contains material collected during the CTP activities. The aim for your e-Portfolio is to demonstrate your progress as:

- a reflective practitioner who is incorporating academic ideas into your professional practice in order to improve it
- a construction management specialist who has moved their practice in chosen subject areas from a localised perspective to an international perspective.

There are three two-week periods allocated to constructing your e-portfolio – between Units 2 and 3, between Units 4 and 5, and at the end of Unit 6. You also submit your developing portfolio for *formative* assessment at the end of Unit 2, for *peer* assessment at the end of Unit 4 and for *summative* assessment – that leads to your CTP final mark – at the end of your Unit 6 studies.