DIGITAL MEDIA PRACTICUM AT CDM

Ready to tackle real-world challenges in the MDM practicum?

The Master of Digital Media (MDM) is a world-renowned professional graduate program focusing on power skills and digital product development. Our MDM Practicum offers qualifying students a collaborative experience working in an interdisciplinary team with enterprise and civic clients on cutting-edge digital products, such as installations, games, VR simulations, apps, and educational technologies. This is not work-for-hire or an internship/co-op.

Students can apply for our January–April term or May–August term.

Outcomes

At the end of the term, visiting students will:

- Apply agile methodologies to design, iterate, and deliver a prototype interactive media product.
- Address complex design and technical challenges throughout development.
- Integrate diverse perspectives to create innovative and impactful solutions.
- Produce a portfolio-ready interactive project (excluding NDA-protected client materials).
- Practice power skills: leading, communication, ideation, critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration.
- Develop connections with industry professionals.

What Skills do I Need?

Students will join an interdisciplinary team consisting of 5-7 project managers, artists, designers, and other programmers to tackle a real-world challenge from an enterprise or civic client. As a visiting student, you'll join the team as a programmer unless a special exception is made. Students must be pursuing an education related to computer science or digital media, such as software design, game development, animation, or web development. Unity and Unreal experience is not required, but recommended. Students from the Systems Engineering (Computing Science) and Digital Design programs are encouraged to apply.

An official English test score is not required as part of the application. However, given that this practicum involves significant teamwork and collaboration, students must possess strong English language proficiency, with peers typically demonstrating scores equivalent to IELTS Academic 7.0 or TOEFL 100.

What Is the Time Commitment?

- Students are expected to work in-person on our campus Monday - Thursday from 9am - 4pm.

What are the Associated Costs?

Practicum fees are outlined below in Canadian Dollars. Beyond these fees, students are responsible for securing and funding their own housing, travel, and other living costs (i.e. food).

Application Fee	$150.00
Tuition	$350.00
U-Pass BC Fee	$187.60
GRAD Student Activity Fee	$79.52
Grad Health Plan Dental + Medical	$580.16
International Medical Insurance	$281.00
TOTAL	$1,628.28

How do I Apply?

To express interest in this practicum, students should complete their application form by October 13 for the May-August intake and by June 13 for the January-April intake. CDM Student Services will subsequently contact selected students for an interview to assess their fit for the practicum. Successful candidates will be informed of the next steps by CDM Student Services after all interviews are concluded.

Students will need to provide an English resume and current school transcript.

Have More Questions?

Refer to our page and FAQ for more details.

Connect with our Team

Have a question about the program? Please contact:
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Check out our previous projects:
thecdm.ca/program/industry-projects