

## World's first quality framework for Work-Integrated learning

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The first ever <u>Global Quality Work-Integrated learning Framework</u> has been released by WACE<sup>1</sup>, the international work- integrated learning (WIL) association. This framework provides guidance to tertiary institutions, industry and community partner organisations and students on quality WIL. Developed in collaboration with WACE's international network of national associations and communities it is uniquely global in nature. The framework will prove especially useful in regions where no national quality WIL framework or guide exists.

This framework has been developed, very deliberately, to be inclusive of the diverse WIL models being implemented globally and to accommodate a broad range of contexts and legislative environments. Judie Kay, Vice Chair Programmes & Partnerships, WACE

The development of the Global Quality WIL Framework was a call to action of the <u>WACE</u> <u>Global Charter 2023</u> endorsed by over 50 associations and institutions. WACE will continue to develop the **WACE Global Quality Work-Integrated learning Framework**, add resources, and can provide support to institutions wanting to quality assure their WIL programmes.

We look forward to supporting the implementation of quality WIL, globally, and to continue to evolve the WACE Global Quality Framework over time. Norah McRae, Co-Chair, Executive Council, WACE

Ensuring quality WIL experiences for all stakeholders has never been more important. As WIL expands globally to enhance student learning and prepare graduates for increasingly dynamic work contexts, the need to ensure the quality of WIL has intensified. Quality experiences maximise WIL outcomes and is in the best interest of students, industry, and community partners as well as tertiary institutions. The WACE Global Quality Work-Integrated learning Framework provides the guidance to improve outcomes for all stakeholders.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WACE is the only international professional organization dedicated to developing, expanding and advocating for cooperative & work-integrated education programs within industry and educational institutions.