DUAL TRAINING

The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Automation of Kecskemét College accomplished a pioneer objective when following the German example, namely together with its corporate partners started to draw up and introduce the dual training system.

In the autumn of 2012, 25 vehicle engineering students could start their studies at Mercedes-Benz Manufacturing Hungary Kft. (Ltd) and Knorr-Bremse Brake Systems Kft. (Ltd) within the frame of this type of learning method. It differs from the basic BSc training since the students spend longer and more intensive practical time at the companies. Out of these pioneering students 17 graduated in February 2016, first in Hungary too.

The companies select the students through a multiple-stage process, they sign a contract on the basis of their own demand and requirement. The candidates are chosen from the ones who were admitted to the BSc training and get a regular payment from the company. The primary aim is to train devoted experts who know the operation of the company well. However, the contract is not obligatory for either party after graduation.

The first experiences and the growing interests show that said new training type, which is based on the co-operation between a corporation and a higher education institute, offers advantages for the companies, the University and the students as well.

By the spring of 2014, 25 companies had joined the system and the number of eligible courses increased accordingly. In addition to the vehicle engineering students, who study mechanical engineering BSc and mechanical management courses specialising in logistics, they can choose the new dual system, too. Apart from the companies even the Hungarian National Bank has become one of the primary partners of the University in the dual training, therefore the economic field has appeared in the study programme recently. The programme is open for foreign students as well, having the opportunity to do practical work in their home country.