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TEACHING PRACTICES & NEEDS

Despite the default to online learning in 2020, the demand for online learning has increased over the last 3-5 years. This brings to light the acknowledgment that the traditional higher-education model is seriously challenged. With this challenge, curriculum requires integrating multiple means of engagement, interpretation, and articulation to help meet the students' needs. The key element to meeting these challenges is collaboration, and for students, the best learning can often happen from one another.

Mini-Charrette Projects

The proposed teaching practice and adoption of mini-charrette projects ensures students with adequate opportunities of engagement. In a collaborative effort, students are accessing and comprehending information together, are demonstrating what they know, are increasing motivation and persistence, and are empowering communication skills.

EVIDENCE OF STUDENT BENEFITS

- 57% of academic leaders rated the learning outcomes in online education as the same or superior to those in face-to-face learning
- Creates an interactive relationship between students and forms academic connections
- Higher online retention rates
- Team building activities
- Builds interpersonal communication skills
- Concerted skills for future careers
- 75% of employees regard collaboration and teamwork as important
- Collaboration is in the top four important skills for employees' future success
- Employees now spend about 50% more time engaged in collaborative work
- Online collaboration tools and digital workplaces facilitate increased productivity by up to 30%

RESOURCES & WHERE TO FIND

Tracking Online Education:
https://onlinelearningconsortium.org/survey_report/2013-survey-online-learning-report/

Trends in Education:
<https://res.cloudinary.com/highereducation/image/upload/v1584979511/BestColleges.com/edutrends/2020-Online-Trends-in-Education-Report-BestColleges.pdf>

General Workplace Collaboration Statistics:
<https://goremotely.net/blog/workplace-collaboration/#:~:text=83%25%20of%20employees%20rely%20on,collaborate%20more%20through%20visual%20means.>

Building Community in an Online Learning Environment: Communication, Cooperation and Collaboration.
Misanchuk, Melanie; Anderson, Tiffany

HOW TO ADOPT PRACTICES

- Promote multiple team building exercises through mini-charrettes assignments
- Leverage different technologies
- Equalize labor with group roles
- Require group and individual evaluations
- Access before and after collaboration
- Allow for flexibility

