Making curriculum visible: Engaging students in learning outcomes and career relevance through a multi-dimensional, interactive map

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Fellowship Objectives

The proposed Fellowship aims to generate a national conversation around how to better communicate and engage students in their program of study through the implementation and support of MyCourseMap, a multi-dimensional interactive curriculum map using digital and touch technology that increases transparency and relevance of curricula for students.

The Fellowship offers access to an already developed interactive curriculum visualisation tool – MyCourseMap – built on digital-touch technology for all mobile devices and is available for pilot across institutions.

Issue to be Addressed

Higher education students make study choices with a limited view of how their programs are structured. Students rarely see a program-wide view of their studies, and yet their programs are developed with just such a holistic view. The Fellowship identifies the need to communicate transparent and “visible” curricula to students to enhance first year transition, retention and successful course completion. This Fellowship will enable academics and students to employ a whole-of-program, interactive map from the point of enrolment. The Fellowship represents a sector-wide program of change using a unique curriculum visualisation tool – MyCourseMap.

Proposed Fellowship Outputs

This Fellowship will enable academics and students to employ a whole-of-program, interactive map from the point of enrolment. The outputs are threefold:

1. Participating institutions have MyCourseMap for use with students;
2. The Fellowship will generate guides through which the broader sector will be able to adopt the tool and
3. The Fellowship will generate a community of practice who will address the important issue of engaging student with curricula within and beyond the Fellowship.

When you start university...

Where do you start?

Specialisation?

Get started in minutes

Visual rich interactive unit pages

Customise to institution brand and training

Staff

Four main themes

1. Incorporation of modern technology
2. User-friendly and easy to navigate
3. Providing a holistic picture of a degree
4. Multiple applications and uses.

What students and staff say about MyCourseMap Tool

Students

Three main themes

1. User-friendly and easy to navigate
2. Providing a holistic picture of a degree
3. Useful for planning.

"...so that was all in one place, it would help me get organised so that I can plan ahead and stuff like that. So yeah in the long run it would help me in my learning experience."

"It's quite visually simple, easy to work your way around it."

"I think it is a great idea. I can’t really emphasise how great it is for curriculum builders, unit coordinators, head of schools within faculty. Even for the admin staff at University. Not only University. Its even for any institution to be honest. Educational institutions, TAFE that could be implemented quite easily..."

"This is so much more elegant and user friendly and versatile than either the Course Finder or the Handbook..."

"...the fact that its an App itself is only really appealing to this kind of generation. It’s a lot better than a piece of paper or a brochure"

"It was great to be able to see an overview, because whenever, as a designer, I would come in to work on something, it would take a while to assemble that information..."

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