

Research Recap

Monthly Newsletter

User Centered e-Learning, methods to enhance and assess soft skills for online learning in design.

Progress So Far...

This past month, we have been continuing with employer interviews and student focus groups. We now have completed 20 employer interviews with different companies ranging from small to large. This has given us valuable and informative data in regards to soft skills that are important to employers in the design industry. As for student focus groups, we have completed a total of 4 focus groups and are continuing to recruit and conduct more. We are excited to finish collecting all of the required data so that we can begin doing a thorough analysis and assess for any patterns in the data.

Another item of note includes our attendance at the AACE World E-Learn Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia. Our literature review was submitted as a full-length paper and we were accepted to attend the conference. We were given the opportunity to present our paper at the conference, which was met with a lot of positive feedback and interest from attendees.

Next Steps

Moving forward, we are aiming to complete the remaining employer interviews and student focus groups. Afterwards, we will be conducting interviews with educators in the field of design. Once data collection is complete, we will be working on analyzing the data.

Highlights:

- 20 employer interviews completed
- 4 student focus groups completed
- Successful presentation at the AACE World E-Learn Conference in Vancouver, B.C.
- Next: completing all employer interviews and student focus groups, then moving on to interview educators in design.

