Elevating Academic Excellence Through Professional Development

University of Adelaide

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Overview

As part of a strategic Online Program Management (OPM) partnership, Boundless Learning collaborated with the University of Adelaide to design and deliver a comprehensive academic professional development program. The initiative aimed to equip faculty with the pedagogical, digital, and operational skills necessary to provide high-quality online learning experiences at scale.

Challenge

The university had committed to expanding its digital learning footprint, launching several postgraduate programs online in partnership with Boundless Learning. However, many academic staff were unfamiliar with evidence-based online pedagogy, digital assessment methods, and learner engagement strategies. There was also a pressing need to standardize academic quality and ensure consistent student experiences across programs.

Solution

Boundless Learning co-designed and delivered a tailored academic professional development program for over 80 faculty members involved in online program delivery.

The initiative focused on four core pillars:

Outcome-Focused Teaching – Academics were trained to develop assessments and learning activities that aligned with clear, measurable learning outcomes.

Digital Confidence and Capability – Faculty developed skills in using learning management systems (LMS), integrating H5P, and leveraging learning analytics to support student success.

Inclusive and Student-Centered Design – The program emphasized universal design for learning (UDL), cultural inclusivity, and principles of accessibility in digital content.

Evidence-Based Practice – Academics engaged with research-based teaching strategies, including active learning, social presence in online environments, and formative feedback loops.

The program combined asynchronous modules, live virtual workshops, peer-to-peer coaching, and capstone deliverables, including revised rubrics, learning activity templates, and student engagement plans.

Key outcomes

Improved Teaching Quality

93% of participants reported increased confidence in delivering online programs, and course evaluation scores showed an 18% increase in teaching satisfaction ratings across the first term of rollout.

Stronger Student Outcomes

Early indicators showed a **12% improvement in student retention** and a 15% rise in students submitting all formative assessments in face-to-face and online offerings.

Operational Efficiency

Academics demonstrated improved consistency in rubric design, LMS navigation, and assessment alignment, reducing revision cycles and **increasing program launch speed**.

Conclusion

This partnership demonstrates the strategic value of integrating academic capability development into OPM engagements. By equipping faculty with the skills and tools to thrive in digital environments, Boundless Learning not only enhanced teaching effectiveness but also contributed to measurable improvements in student success and institutional agility.

Ready to take the next step?

Contact us at info@boundlesslearning.com to schedule a conversation about professional development opportunities for your faculty and staff.