

Importance of digital skills for work and study

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Introduction

- Essential digital skills are a step towards learning lots of other new things.
- They can improve your confidence to use technology for work, learning and daily life (nationalcareers.service.gov.uk, 2020).
- Many jobs today need digital skills. You need them even for jobs that do not ask for high levels of qualifications or experience(nationalcareers.service.gov.uk, 2020).

Essential digital skills include being able to:

- use devices like a computer, tablet or phone for simple, personal and work tasks
- Finding and using information on the internet
- understand how to be safe and responsible online
- Using it communicate socially and professionally using email, messaging and social media
- shop, bank, access services or apply for a job online
- Our research question is "**Are UWTSD students confident in using their digital skills?**"





Rationale

- We have chosen this research question because we think that most of this students in UWTSD students are not confident in using their digital skills.
- They need more support and help in using their digital skills to help not only in their university and college work but in their everyday life.
- By helping them to become more confident with their online learning and in their future jobs.
- Most students are still not confident and need help as many jobs need these skills.
- Universities must help **students** to develop **digital skills** and competencies that will set them up for successful lives after they graduate (THE. Campus Learn, Share, Connect, 2022)

Propose methods

- We will be conducting a questionnaire.

Questions:

1. I consent to take part voluntarily
2. Do you think that using one Drive is the most important digital skill?
3. Do you think that using Moodle is most important digital skill?
4. Rank these applications in order of how important you think are to you.
5. I feel that using Outlook Email is the most important digital to have.
6. I feel that using Power Point is the most important digital skill to have.

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Ethical considerations

Informed consent - Participants must be briefed on the objectives of this questionnaire and what will be required of them to take part. They must accept these conditions in order to proceed.

Confidentiality -Participants should remain anonymous so that data cannot be identified (e.g. the participants names)

Right to withdraw-participants must be informed that they can leave the research study (questionnaire)at any point if they wish, and they don't need to state why.





Our hypothesis

- I think that we will find that less UWTSD students are confident in using their digital skills because they haven't been shown how to use.
- They need more support in helping them to become confident using their digital skills.
- Our hypothesis is that the lack of digital skills that students have means the lower their confidence.

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