



The ultimate interactive learning platform to support and develop essential career skills



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UCD Case Study



UCD Careers Network actively improves students' career skills using Skilly, our online platform developed for upskilling, where you practice to perform better.

Objective:

Examine and evaluate how students engage with digital learning technologies when they interact with a module on a digital platform, designed to augment their lectures.

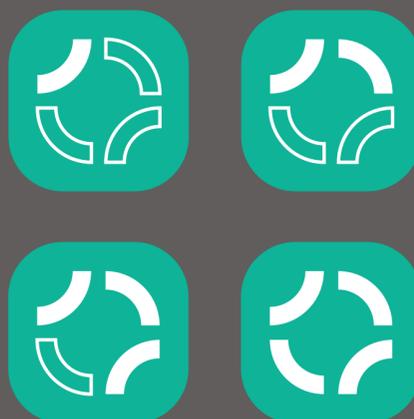
Participants:

120 Students cross-college including students from the diverse subjects of Business, Engineering, Science and Nursing with positive active engagement rate of 83% with the platform during the pilot.

Programme innovation:

Future Careers is a hugely popular elective that helps students evaluate the various skills they need to prepare for the start of their careers. In the 2020/2021 cycle UCD asked students to volunteer for a new programme to practice their future career skills using our Skilly digital platform.

Skilly gave students the opportunity to learn and practice important skills on our fully interactive platform. Students could assess themselves and provide relective feedback on set skill practices, all designed to help them improve their performance at those skills.



How it was delivered



12 UCD Students were awarded a “Future Careers Skill Practice Award” reflecting their outstanding commitment to their personal development with a further 2 Overall Excellence Awards.



Active engagement rate with Skilly platform



What skills did students benefit the most from via practise?

We asked all participating students ‘Thinking of your career choices, which practice skills have been most helpful to you?’

- Networking
- Teamwork
- Self-Awareness
- Organisational Skills

Overall findings indicate there is under-development of soft skills and their impact towards career advancement and development. Students need to practice these soft skills before entering the workforce and starting their careers.



Students said...

“I found networking to be the most helpful so far. I feel this has given me the confidence to reach out to people in the fields I am interested in and ask questions. I have realised that people are more than happy to help and answer questions.”

“The skills I have learned in the lab have been of great importance of course - the teamwork skills and resilience have been important skills learnt especially in research.”

What it meant to UCD

“The competitive landscape for our students is accelerating, and having strong, soft skills is essential to career development and future career prospects. The solution is simple to use and customised to our specific needs for the module Preparing for Your Future Career.”

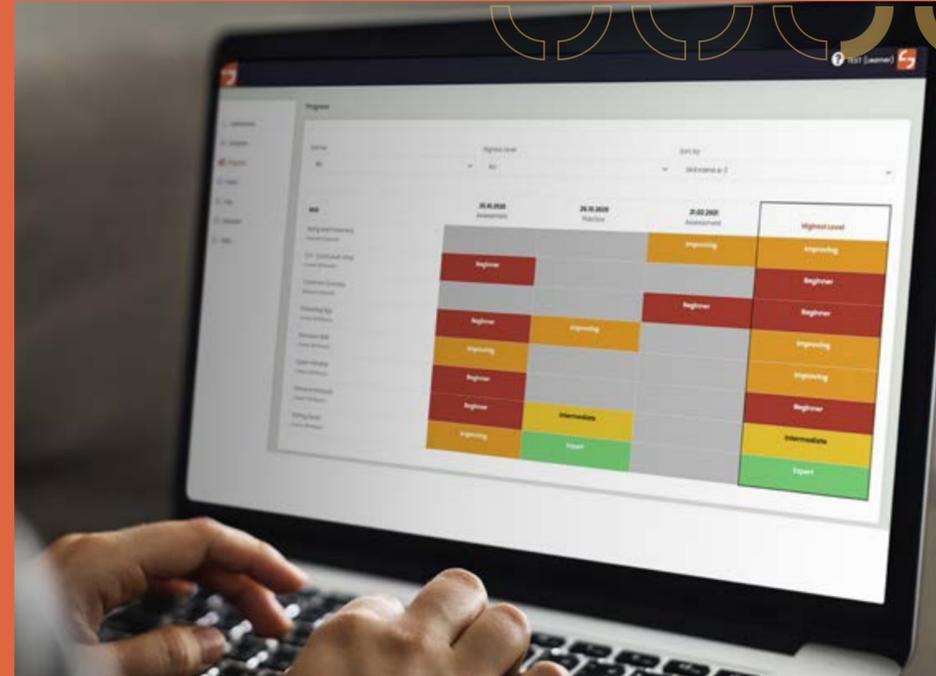
Skilly enhances the engagement and learning experience for our students, focusing on self-assessed skill practice, which reinforces and helps to embed the skills we are teaching. I see this need more and more. Skilly is an excellent solution to support the students to focus on the actual soft skills they need to develop and provides a variety of ways to practice them.”

Edel Caraway, Lecturer and Module Lead for SCI10040 ‘Preparing for Your Future Career’



What Skilly will do for you

- Flexibility - Fully customisable lessons, allowing you to deliver the teaching programme tailored uniquely to your students' needs.
- Easier reporting - Live data available to monitor and track each student's development and monitor wellbeing activity in the school, making reporting more efficient.
- Unlimited content - Use Skilly's content, (including videos, articles, practices etc.) to deliver digital lessons or use publishing tools to add your own content.
- Planning - Adjustable timing to schedule completion in a way that works for you and your students, not fixed to terms or years, in class or independently done by students.
- Scalability - Use Skilly as a tool by defined group, class or year, we can build the right plan for you and scale-up.
- Enhanced engagement - Drive engagement through gamification, students can see their own performance and goals and compare against their peers.
- Community building - Use Skilly's data to assist conversation on wellbeing metrics engaging the community including parents.



Practice to perform

Accomplishment develops over time with repeat practice, so someone can grow and recognize their increasing achievements with Skilly.

Beginner



Improving



Intermediate



Expert



The story of Skilly

The idea that 'practice makes perfect' inspired founder Shane Maguire with the spark for Skilly, a cloud-based software training platform founded in 2019.

Skilly is designed to enable students to assess and improve their skill level through practice and recording of skills, whilst giving teachers a digital tool to reduce their work burden and a means of measuring engagement and progression with real-time data.

2020 and all its disruptive factors focussed Skilly's energy on building a solution with real social meaning to aid our teachers - a platform to empower our school children and students with the essential wellbeing and life skills.

Contact us for a free demo today.

