IMMERSIVE LEARNING: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE EMERGING SKILLS GAP

1. IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

The future is here. In the 21st century, technology has rapidly changed the way we work, play and study. As the pace of change continues to accelerate, the demand for new skills in the workforce grows significantly. It is imperative that higher education institutions prepare students to participate in today’s innovation-centric workplace. In the same way that the technology trends are driving new skill requirements in the workforce, the shift toward digital learning is changing the role of higher education institutions.

2. THE BEST TEACHER IS THE ONE WE LEARN FROM

By engaging students in immersive learning experiences, educators can help students develop skills that support the future-inclusive workplace. With immersive learning, students can learn from each other and develop new skills that will prepare them for careers that are yet to be defined.

3. SOCIAL LEARNING

Social learning is the best form of learning. This type of learning occurs when students teach each other. According to researchers, having students teach each other results in retention rates of up to 90% compared to just 50% when students learn by doing alone. Immersive learning experiences that allow students to teach each other increase the retention rates and improve student engagement.

4. HOW WE WORK

In the future, the workplace and the classroom will be more interconnected and integrated. Teachers and students will work more closely and will use technology to enhance their learning experience. The future workplace will be more collaborative and deeply engaging learning experiences using an extended reality technologies.

5. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

According to Ruben P. Malo, a professor of education at Texas A&M University, "The traditional classroom is no longer sufficient to prepare students for the workforce of the future. We need to form new human-machine partnerships that will help students learn, think and work in a new reality to help lessen the skills gap." Immersive learning is the only way to prepare students for the future of work and life.

6. WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

There are several ways higher education institutions can prepare students for the future of work. The first is to provide students with hands-on learning experiences and to support their growth and development. The second is to introduce students to new technologies and provide them with opportunities to learn and practice using them. The third is to provide students with opportunities to learn and practice in immersive settings.

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