Empowering Personalized Learning Through Voice and Choice

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Introductions

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Outcomes

• Define voice and choice as part of culturally inclusive design.

• Describe use of voice and choice in both online and traditional settings.

• Generate strategies for implementing voice and choice.
Voice and Choice

• Voice
  • Empowering students to contribute their ideas and perspectives based on their existing knowledge, experiences, and interests (Simunich, Brooks, & Grincewicz, 2023)

• Choice
  • Course learning situations where students are provided an opportunity to make decisions about their learning (Simunich, Brooks, & Grincewicz, 2023)
Personalized Learning Environment

• An educational environment where students contribute to the decision process of what and how they will learn
  • Subjects & owners of their learning process

• Personalized learning: “...instruction in which the pace of learning and the instructional approach are optimized for the needs of each learner [...] In addition, learning activities are meaningful and relevant to learners, driven by their interests, and often self-initiated” (US Department of Education 2016:7)
Personalization can...
  • ...occur at variable degrees of depth.
  • ...occur for different numbers or groups of students.
  • ...vary with respect to ownership.

(Walkington & Bernacki 2014)
• Considerations:
  • Learner Ability & Preference
  • Cultural & Experiential Knowledge
  • Motivation
  • Neurodiversity
  • Power Dynamics & Systemic Inequality
  • Technology Limitations/Barriers
Voice and Choice in Online Settings

- Digital Transformation Micro-Credential Series
- Intentional Inclusion of Voice and Choice
- Shifting to a Shared Goal
Examples of Voice and Choice

• Emphasis on professional lives & interests
• Workshop examples
  • First Workshop
  • Middle 3 Workshops
  • Final Workshops
• Continuous Engagement & Skill Development
Voice and Choice Implementation

- Voice and Choice can be implemented everywhere
- Examples from traditional face-to-face courses
- Choose Your Own Adventure
Voice and Choice Strategies

• What questions do you have about voice and choice?
• Are there programs/courses where you’re wanting to include it but don’t know how?
• How have you incorporated voice and choice into your institutions?
Reflections & Questions
References


Thank you!