Panel Session 4: Industry Engagement

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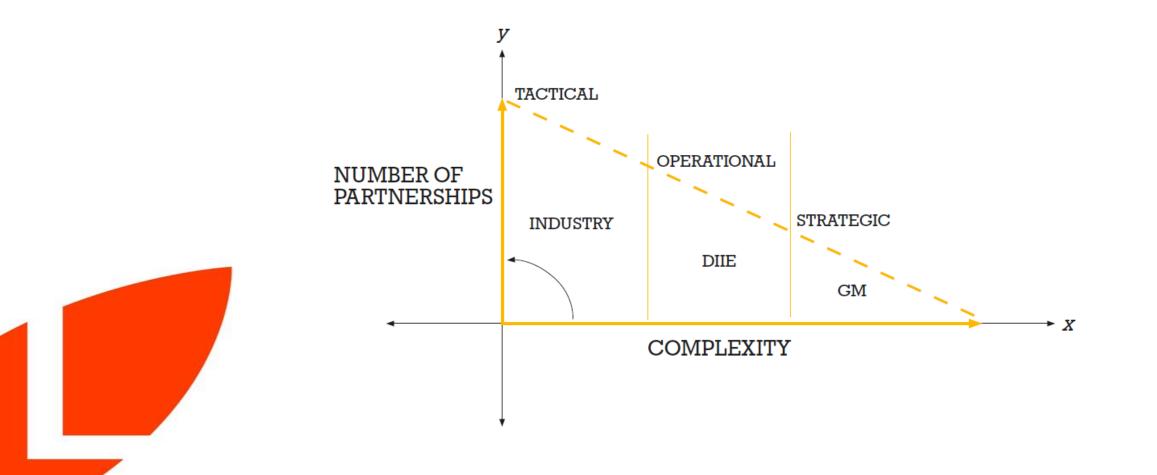








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Laureate Professional Assessment

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VISION & OBJECTIVES



LPA VISION:

PROVIDE LAUREATE GRADUATES AND INSTITUTIONS WITH A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE WORKPLACE, **BY ENSURING AND** DEMONSTRATING THAT **GRADUATES POSSESS THE** WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES MOST VALUED BY EMPLOYERS.

LPA Project Objectives:

- Develop a proprietary workplace competency model and a valid and reliable test that reflects the needs of 21st century employers.
- Communicate the value and authenticity of LPA results to prospects, parents, students, staff, faculty, and employers.
- Support Laureate institutions in leveraging the LPA, the competency framework, and associated learning experiences for their students, graduates, and employers.
- Ensure the competency framework, instrument, and supporting materials are current and effective.
- Build thought leadership and ongoing innovation for Laureate and its institutions through a coordinated program of applied research.





PRELIMINARY VALIDATION OF THE LPA



LARGE-SCALE VALIDATION STUDY OF THE COMPETENCY MODEL

- Information from employers, competency experts, faculty, students
- Approximately 25,000 global participants in the development and validation
- One of the broadest and largest competency validation efforts

CONTENT VALIDATION OF THE ASSESSMENT

- Items developed to target specific competencies
- Items reviewed and evaluated by employers as being job relevant
- Items linked directly to specific competencies by testing experts

ASSESSMENT SCORING DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

- Employer and faculty panels reviewed each item
- Provided a scoring rubric for the response options

PILOT TESTING WITH 11,000 STUDENTS ACROSS LAUREATE





GENERAL RESULTS

BROAD PARTICIPATION

- 22 institutions, 19 countries, 7 languages
- 6600 entry-level, 4900 exit-level students
- Pilot acted as production run for Europe, replacing home-grown assessment

HIGH INITIAL ITEM QUALITY

- Few if any items need to be modified or removed
- Item refinements in progress involving
 - \circ Translation
 - \circ Simplification of item text / reading level

TIME TO COMPLETE

- Average of 72 seconds to complete an item (10 minutes per competency tested)
- Over 90% of participants completed items within 2 minutes (16 minutes per competency)







20 VALIDATED COMPETENCIES in the Laureate Competency Framework





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OVERALL COMPETENCY RESULTS

WORK EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS

- Students with more work experience scored significantly higher on all competencies.
- Students who reported having completed an internship scored significantly higher on nearly all competencies.

REGION

 Very small differences across regions; differences can be explained by student demographics differences across regions (e.g., age, ESL)

AGE

• Older students scored significantly higher on all competencies

DISCIPLINE / FIELD OF STUDY

 Very small differences were found across fields of study and can generally be explained by student demographics (e.g., Hospitality students were older)

GENDER

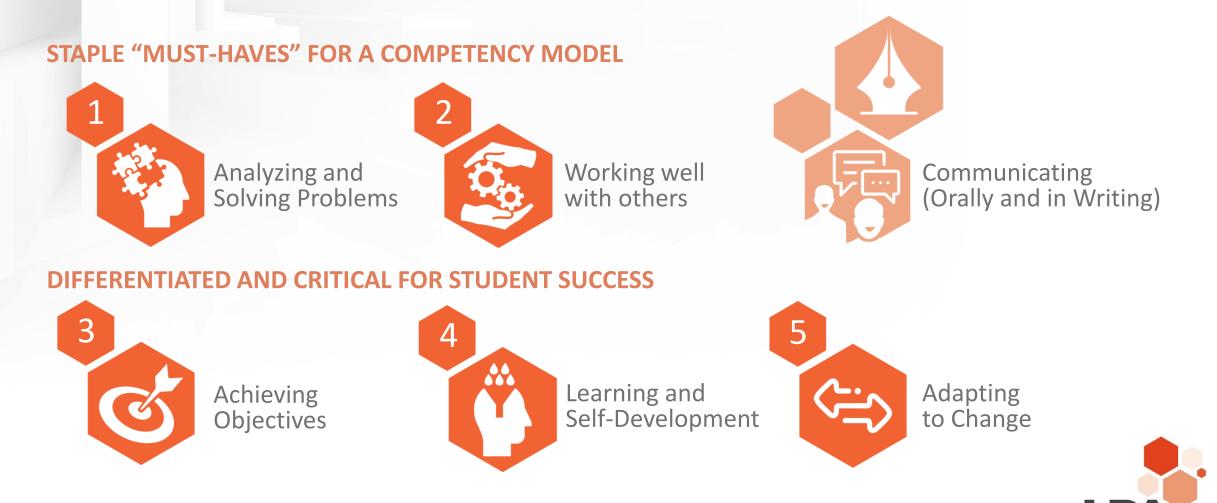
• Females scored significantly higher than males on most competencies







LAUREATE CORE COMPETENCIES

















FCTA and TUA

- Industry partnership: Flight Centre Travel Group (FCTG)
 - o 2,800 stores : largest travel retail group in Australia 20,000 employees 17 billion AUD
 - Global : Australia, New Zealand, US, Canada, UK, South Africa, Hong Kong, India, China, Singapore, UAE.
 - Multi brand: Liberty Travel, GOGO Vacations (USA), StudentUniverse, Worldwide Traveler, Travel Associates, FlightCenter.com.
 - Corporate Traveller, ciEvents, Campus Travel, Stage & Screen, Student Flights, Escape Travel, Quickbeds.com, and Cruiseabout.
- Partnership project: Flight Centre Academy attracts and prepare students to support FCTG staff recruitment strategy
 - Flight Centre (HE) Diploma of Travel and tourism delivered by TUA
 - Marketed via Flight Centre Academy
 - \circ Content co-curated: 4 FC subjects 4 TUA



UNIVERSITY

BlueMountains



Focus

The industry engagement activities of TH&E providers often start from the relationships associated with student work placements. In moving beyond this well-established model, what strategic initiatives are being pioneered to ensure that student educational experiences and pedagogies genuinely engage with leading trends across the sector?



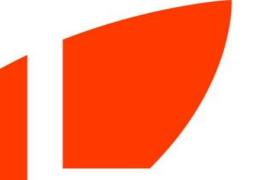






Context

- For the majority of the members of THE-ICE, the following will apply:
 - We involve Industry as part of our Course Review, Course Accreditation / Re-Accreditation, Industry Consultation process
 - We have some form of Work Integrated Learning, Industry Placement, Industry Immersion opportunities
 - We have industry practitioners delivering curriculum and subject matter experts managing content
 - We have various quality and governance requirements to abide by





Food for thought...

- The Industry has been disrupted and is moving at an unbelievable pace. With respect to new and existing curriculum, how are we keeping up with such pace as well as ensuring quality is maintained? Can we learn from other fields of education?
- How are we ensuring our faculty members are equipped with industry current *Skills, Knowledge,* and *Attributes* required to deliver curriculum for such a dynamic field?
- How do we move beyond internship collaboration with an industry that is often more interested in cheap labour than in student learning or solving business issues?









