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Academic Writing Digital Badge

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Motivation and aims

- Repeat queries from students and staff
- The 24/7 student & UDL principles
- Support teaching and learning
- Students: flexible access & interactive
- Lecturer: flexible & option to embed within modules
- iNote project: IT Sligo development of online student supports

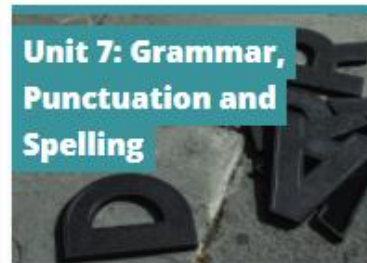
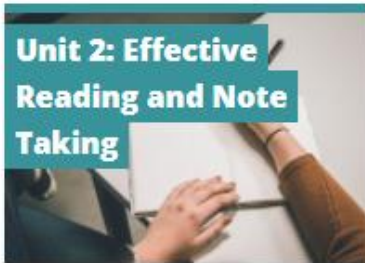
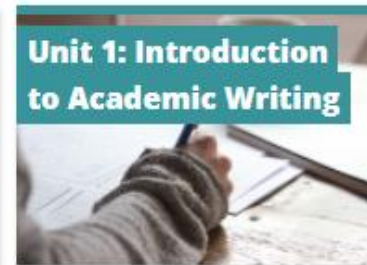
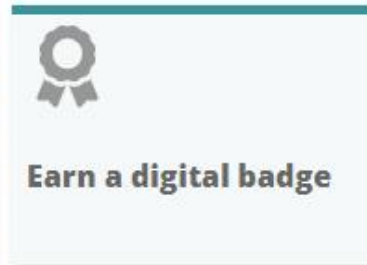
Digital Badge Homepage



Welcome to the Academic Writing Programme

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Each unit contains content, practice activities, downloadable resources, and a final quiz to check understanding. You must complete all elements of the Unit to achieve completion.



Engagement

Engagement	2020/2021	2021/2022
Individual unit badges awarded	3157	3483
Whole programme badges awarded	301	397
Embedding by lecturers	13 programmes	22 programmes

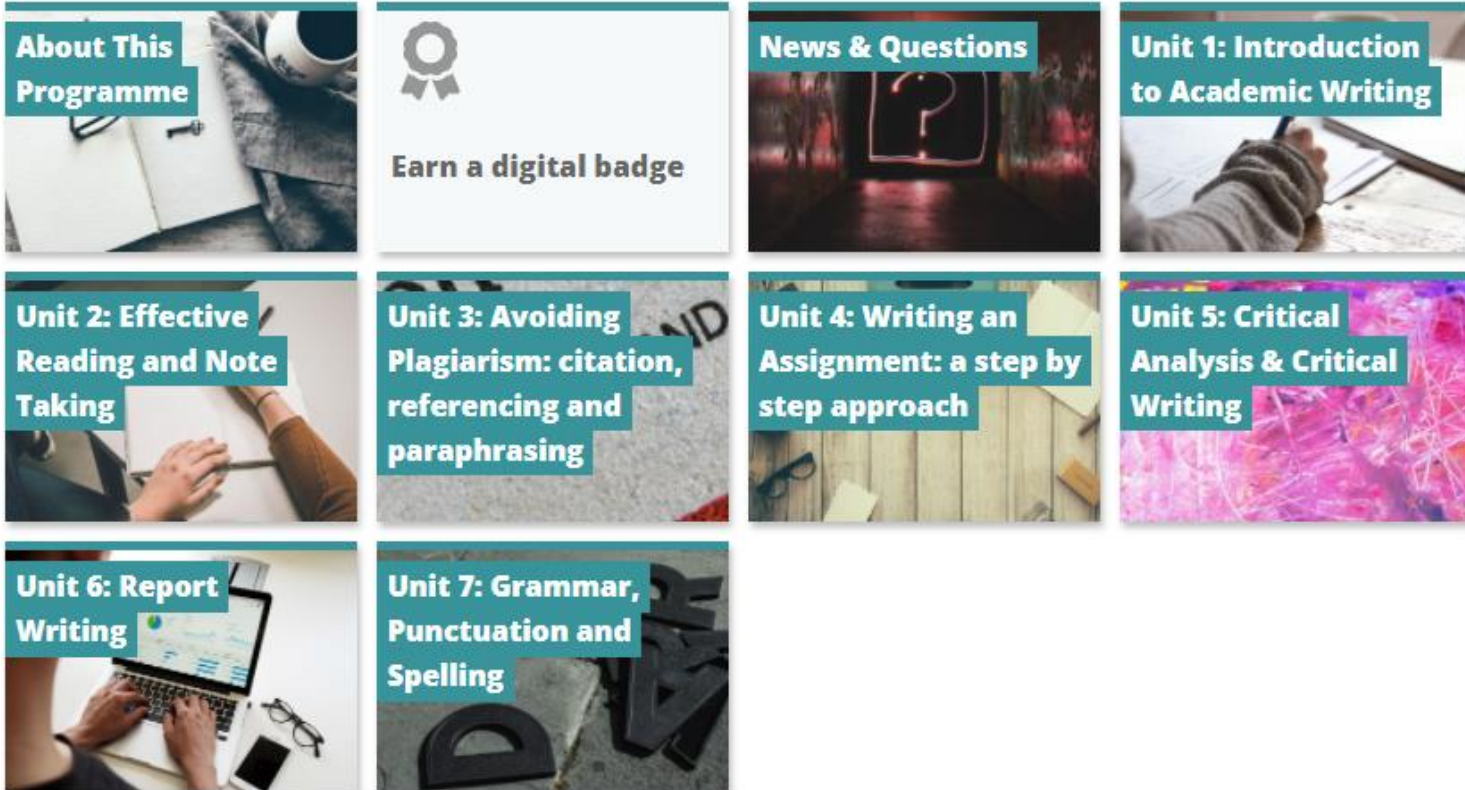
Demonstration



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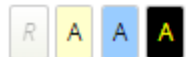
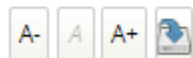
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Accessibility



Launch ATbar (always?)

Progress Bar



Progress: 0%
Mouse over or touch bar for info.

Overview of students

News from your lecturer

Add a new topic...
(No announcements have been posted yet.)

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Keylinks

Hidden from students

KeyLinks is a platform to provide easy access to your module reading lists - books, ebooks, journal articles and websites.

Limited number of modules available for Sept 2019. Enquiries to library@itsligo.ie.



Academic Writing Badge



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Visible groups

All participants

Role

Student

Program code

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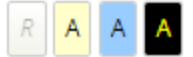
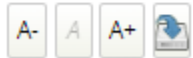
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DETER OF HEALTH 2 (HLTH06021) course

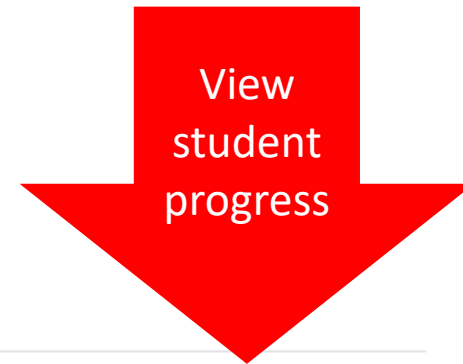
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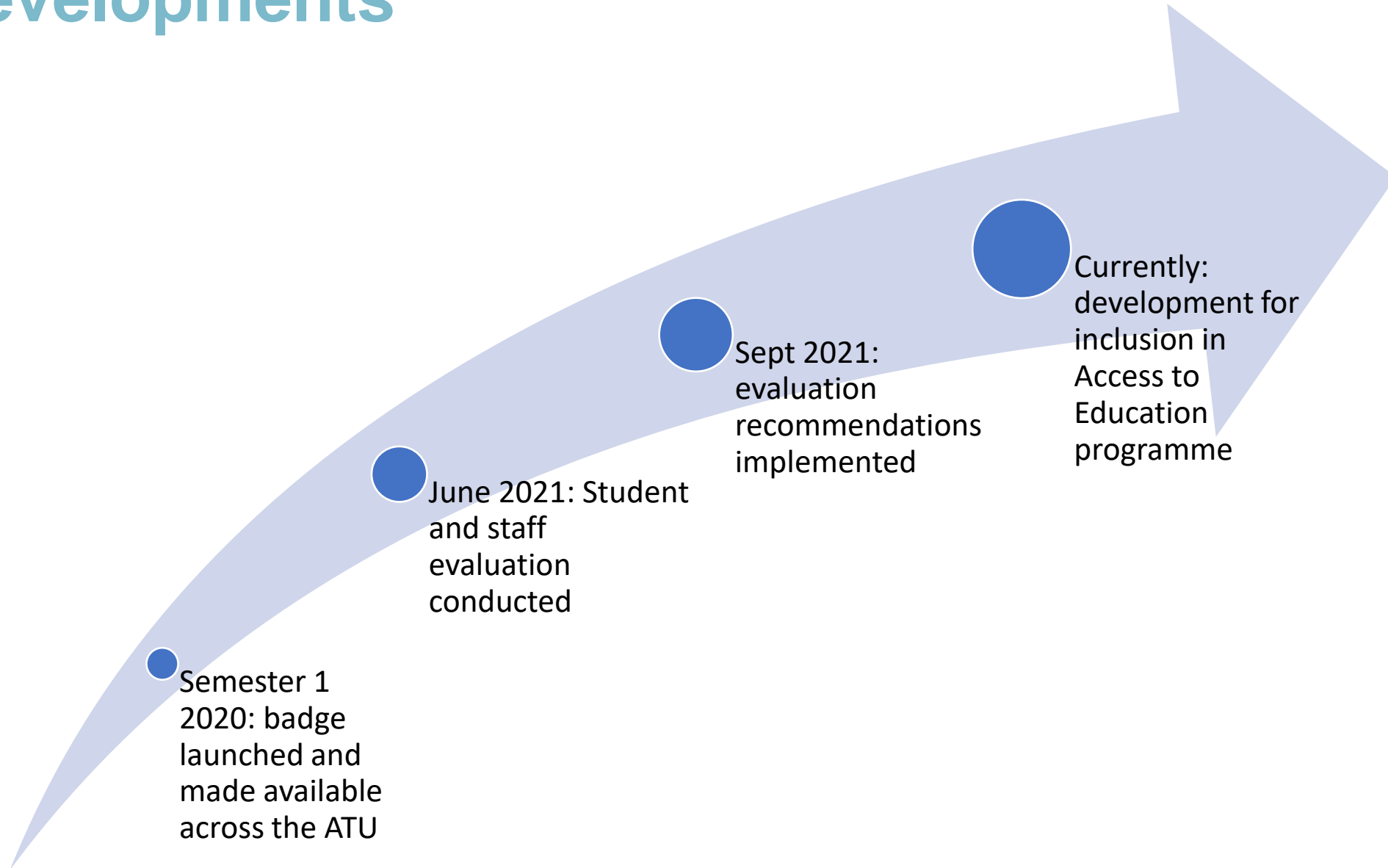
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Developments



Evaluation

- User-friendly, valuable and effective resource
- Students:
 - practical interactive content & downloadable resources
 - Better understanding of what is expected from their writing
- Lecturers:
 - Flexible approach to embedding badge
 - Improved teaching experience and workflow



I have already recommended to classmates and also first years during peer mentoring programme (Student 2)

They understand the importance of it, reiterates what is being learned in class maybe in a more interactive way than through lectures and discussions. (Staff 10)

I used it right at the start when I really needed it and it has helped in building my own confidence to be able to continue with my subsequent assignments. If I get stuck on something I often check for help or clarification on things there, really useful. (Student 31)

The quality of assignments has improved in terms of the structure, layout & professionalism of reports. (Staff 11)

It has taken me personally from an underconfident person in approaching assignments and has provided clarity, understanding but also has boosted the confidence when it comes to academic writing. (Student 22)



Thank you!



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