

# Interactive Oral Assessment: A model for robust and authentic assessment design

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# What are Interactive Oral (IO) assessments?

An Interactive Oral Assessment (IOA) approach is a genuine, unscripted, synchronous conversation between an assessor and a student (or a group of assessors/students) around an 'authentic workplace/professional scenario' (Sotiriadou et al., 2019) which can be performed face-to-face or online

# Rationale for using IOs

- **authentic assessment**
- a personalised approach to learning and teaching
- preserves academic integrity.
- promotes **skill development** and **employability, student engagement**
- facilitates higher-order thinking

# Key Literature

## The role of authentic assessment to preserve academic integrity and promote skill development and employability

Popi Sotiriadou , Danielle Logan, Amanda Daly & Ross Guest

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## Interactive oral assessment case studies: An innovative, academically rigorous, authentic assessment approach

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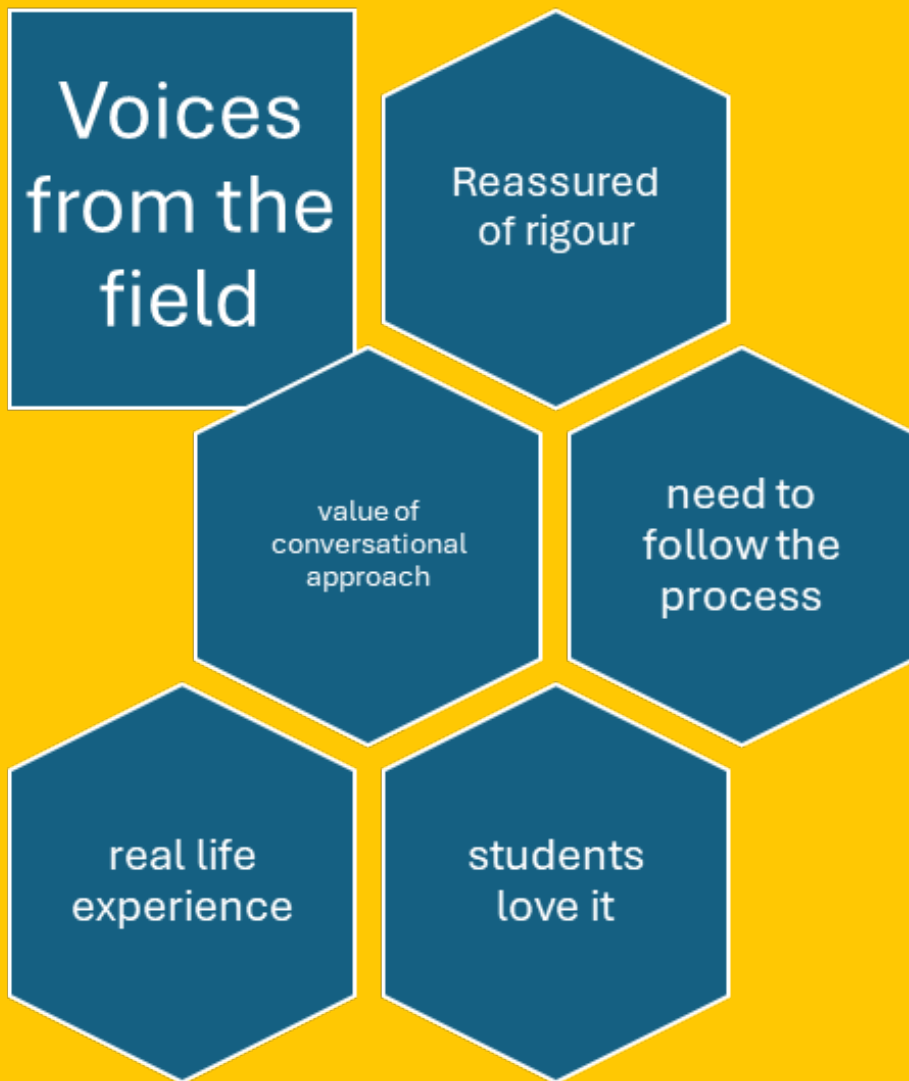
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# Interactive Oral Assessment at DCU - Facts & Figures

- 21 courses
- 33 cohorts
- 3,400 students
- Range of Disciplines - Physical Sciences; Business, Law & Government; Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health





# Process developed for Design of an IO assessment

Weeks

1-2

See where and how IO assessment fits into the module strategy

3-4

Firm up IO scenarios (one for assessment and one for mock video)

5-6

Design Rubric to lead the IO conversation and grade

7-8

Record IO example

9-10

Use Rubric and video as in class preparation for IO

Have a practice session with colleagues before the IO assessment

# Communities of Practice

- DCU Weekly CoP
- Professional Development via workshops each semester
- Sharing of Practice with other HEIs via workshops and webinars
- Establishing collaborative network of Academic Developers





# Interactive Oral Assessment Website



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WHAT IS INTERACTIVE ORAL ASSESSMENT NOT?

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF INTERACTIVE ORAL ASSESSMENT?

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IO USER GUIDE

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## A Fireside Chat with Danielle Logan-Fleming and Monica Ward

The below video is a fireside chat with Danielle Logan-Fleming and Monica Ward on Interactive Oral Assessments. It covers a brief overview of Interactive Oral Assessments and frequently asked questions (FAQs).

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