

ADEA Technology Survey

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Overview

The **ADEA Technology Survey** captures insights from across the oral health education community on the integration and impact of digital tools in teaching, learning, and practice. Conducted between **April and December 2024**, the survey reflects perspectives from faculty, staff, and students across dental and allied dental programs.

Methodology

The survey was developed using the **Qualtrics platform** and distributed via **ADEA Connect** to professional groups such as the Allied Communities, Council of Deans, Council of Advanced Education, and Council of Faculties. While limited in scope, the results provide valuable direction on how technology is shaping oral health education and professional practice.

Key Findings

Technology Adoption Trends

- Widespread use of Learning Management Systems (LMS) and online assessment platforms
- Growing interest in virtual patient simulations
- Emerging adoption of Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) for immersive learning

Challenges and Drivers

- Strong faculty interest in technology adoption
- Persistent barriers include cost, training, and integration
- Movement toward tools that encourage active, hands-on learning

Evolving Tech Landscape

- Shift from traditional models to digital-first approaches
- Zoom and Canvas cited as critical platforms for collaboration
- Mixed perspectives on **telehealth**, highlighting both opportunities and limitations

Future Directions

- Increasing emphasis on student-centered, innovative learning
- Anticipated growth in the use of Al and data analytics to personalize education and improve outcomes

Why It Matters

The survey underscores technology's expanding role in oral health education-both as a tool for delivering high-quality learning and as a driver of change in clinical and institutional practice. These insights help guide educators, administrators, and practitioners as they adapt to a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Contribute & Feedback

We welcome your ideas for future survey topics and educational content.

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