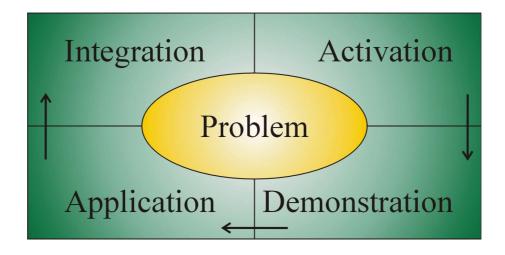
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#### **Abstract**

This dissertation is the developmental research report on the design and development of a multimedia tutorial on Anthropometry for university-level health science students. The practical implication of using Merrill's Model of Instructional Design for developing course work for senior students in the health sciences was investigated.

The multimedia tutorial was designed and developed, and the prototype evaluated by a team consisting of subject and education experts. The prototype was tested by third-year dietetic students who had completed the lecture-based and paper-based course. The students were observed while using the program, then completed a structured questionnaire and finally were given the opportunity to express their views in an informal group discussion.

It was found that if the activation of relevant existing knowledge does not take place, Merrill's Model will be turned inside-out: the student's own problem replaces the instructional problem.

#### **Keywords**

- adult learning
- authoring tools and methods
- computer-assisted tutorial
- evaluation of CAI systems
- formative evaluation
- instructional design model
- media in education
- simulations

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#### **List of Acronyms**

ADDIE Analysis, Design, Development, Implementation and Evaluation

CAE Computer Assisted Education
CAL Computer Assisted Learning
CAI Computer Assisted Instruction
CBI Computer-based Instruction
CIE Computer Integrated Education

DADI Definition, Architecture, Design and Implementation

ICT Information and Communication Technologies

NRF National Research Foundation

NTA Nutritional Assessment
 NTB National Training Board
 OBE Outcomes-based Education
 PBL Problem-based Learning

SAQA South South African Qualifications Authority SETA Sector Education and Training Authorities

SME Subject Matter Expert

TLEI Telematic Learning and Education Innovation

UP University of Pretoria
WHO World Health Organisation

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