

THE BENEFIT OF UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

within the classroom: an evidenced based practice

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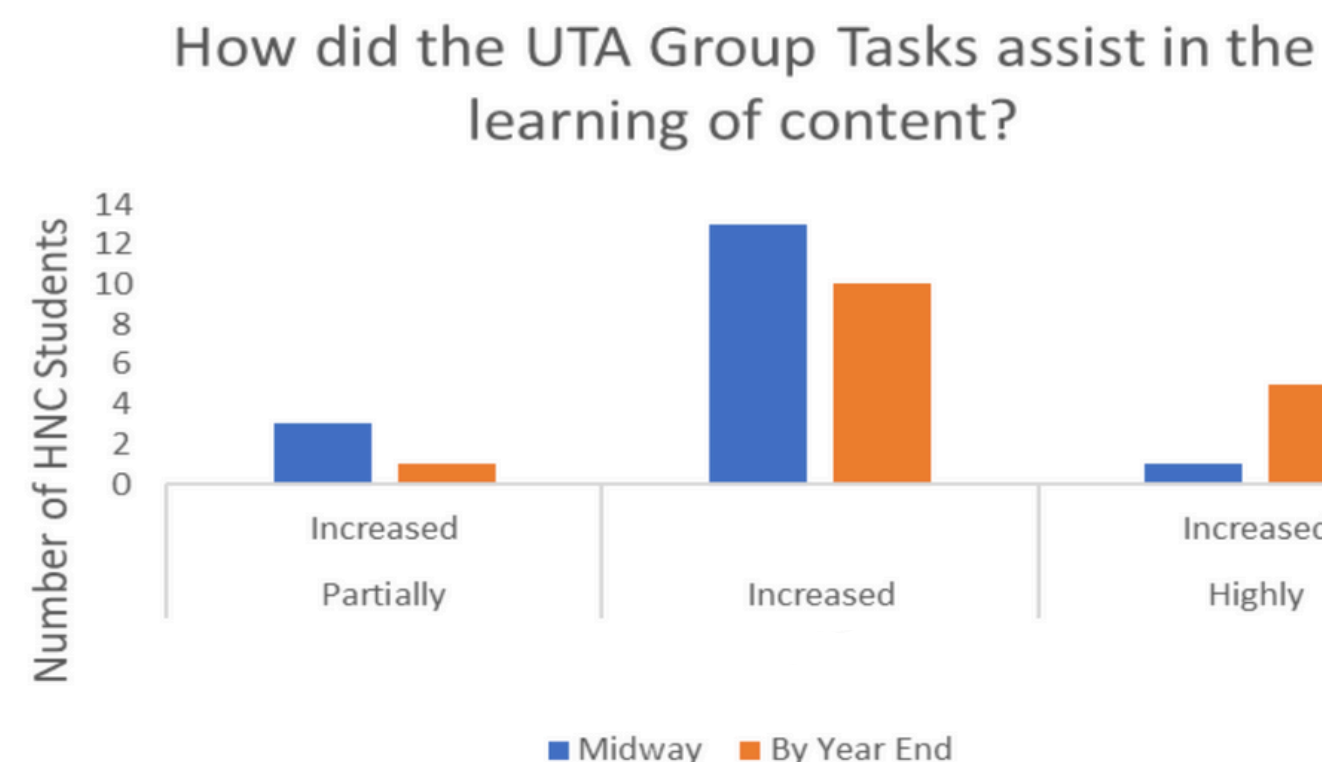
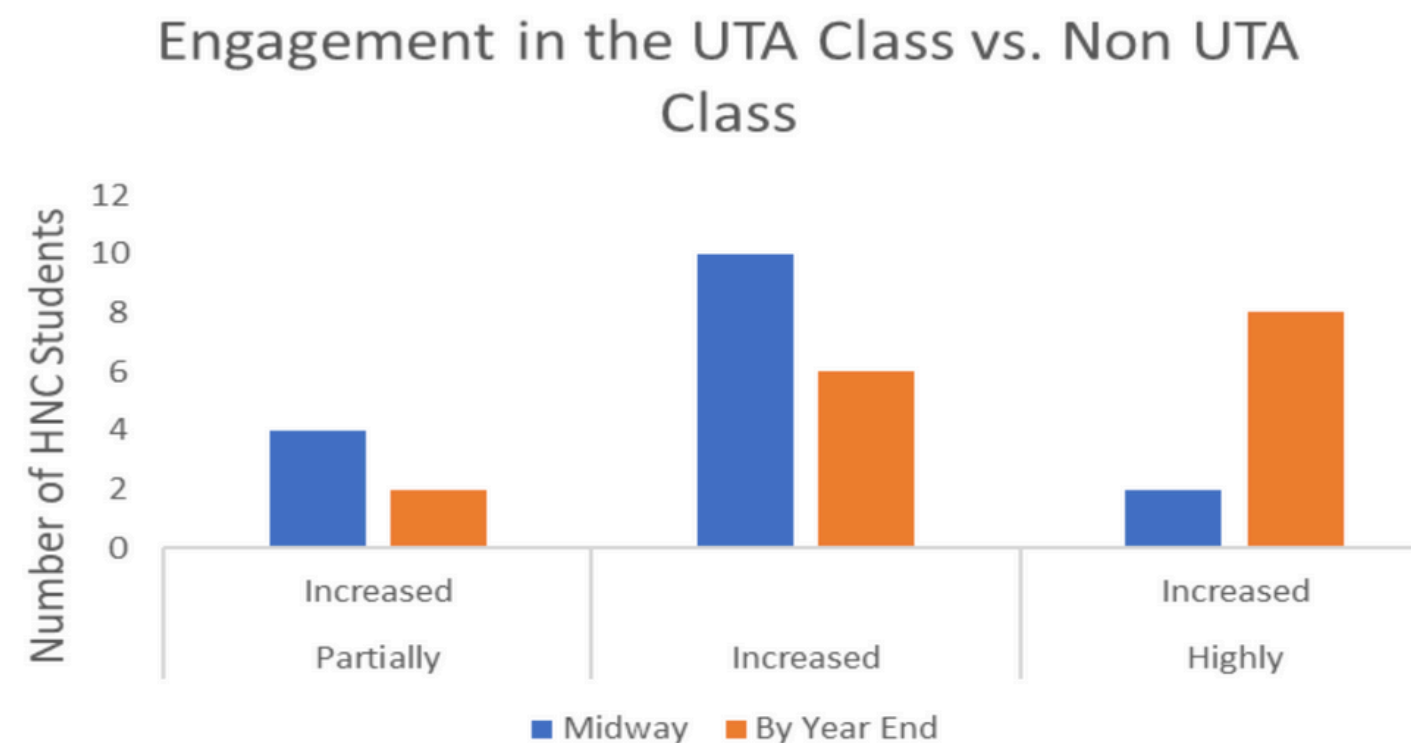
Where to start?

The selection of 1 or more final year students was made after application and interview process. This process helped assess the academic suitability of potential UTAs. Successful applicants a Letter of Offer which clarified workload, expectations and goals.

How Does it Work?

UTA's supported the teaching of the class by editing powerpoints, creating learning materials such as quizzes and group tasks and encouraging group discussions. Regular communication between the UTA's and programme lead was required for effective delivery.

In 2023-24, UHI Perth's Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation degree programme launched the Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (UTA) Programme.



Results

The programme was appraised twice: half way through and at the end of the academic year. Figure 1 presents the results of student engagement in the UTA class vs. Non UTA class. While figure 2 shows perceived engagement with UTA tasks. Measured using self report categorisation.

Who benefits?

UTAs: improved communication skills, deeper knowledge and teaching experience.
Students: increased support and engagement levels.
Academic staff: greater teaching flexibility and additional support.