Trends in Business Analytics Education: Innovation, Learning, and Pedagogy

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***Abstract*— This comprehensive literature review explores the dynamic evolution of business analytics education, focusing on curriculum innovation, experiential learning, and emerging pedagogical strategies. Analyzing 103 scholarly articles from 2012 to 2014, the study identifies three core themes: Curriculum Innovation for Industry Competencies, Experiential Learning in Analytical Decision-Making, and Innovative Pedagogies for Skill Development. These themes are further examined through nine critical dimensions: Curriculum Design, Analytical Skills Development, Industry Collaboration, and Technology-Enhanced Learning. The review underscores the growing importance of aligning curricula with industry demands, integrating data literacy and ethical considerations, and leveraging technology to improve learning outcomes. Challenges such as the academic-industry gap and the need for ongoing faculty development are also discussed. This review synthesizes current trends in business analytics education. It offers insights for future curriculum innovation and industry collaboration, emphasizing the necessity of equipping graduates with essential competencies for the modern workforce.**

***Index Terms*—Business Analytics Education, Curriculum Innovation, Experiential Learning, Pedagogical Advances, Analytical Skills Development**

I. Introduction

Business Analytics (BA) uses data analysis, statistical models, and advanced computational techniques to enhance decision-making and optimize business processes. It is a critical capability that empowers organizations to gain actionable insights from large volumes of data, thereby driving agility, innovation, and competitive advantage [*523, 529, 563*]. The education and skills development in BA has become increasingly essential in response to the growing demand for data-driven decision-making across industries [91][102][1]. BA is pivotal in equipping students with the knowledge and competencies needed to succeed in a data-centric world [91][102][33]. The significance of BA education lies in its role in fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills, all of which are vital for navigating the complexities of modern business environments [91][102][33][79].

The integration of BA into academic curricula, especially in business schools, is driven by the need to align educational programs with industry demands [37][95]. This interdisciplinary field combines data science, information systems, and business strategy elements, enhancing student employability by focusing on competencies directly applicable to the job market [95][85]. The importance of this alignment is underscored by the adoption of experiential learning techniques, such as case studies, data mining projects, and hands-on training with analytical tools, which enhance students' practical understanding and readiness for industry challenges [103][87][45][4].

Moreover, BA education emphasizes the importance of curriculum design and learning pathways that cover theoretical aspects and provide hands-on experience [80][89]. This approach ensures that students are well-prepared to handle real-world data challenges, a critical component in maintaining a competitive edge in today's data-driven marketplace [41][67][58]. Educational institutions are continuously refining their curricula to keep pace with technological advancements and market needs, ensuring that graduates possess the skills necessary to thrive in various business sectors [41][67][36][46]. Developing robust BA education programs is essential for meeting the growing industry demand for skilled professionals. These programs equip students with technical expertise and foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, thereby contributing to the success of individuals and the organizations they join [84][2].

To the best of the authors' knowledge, literature reviews on this topic have yet to be published. The unique document classified as a review is the work of Zhang [4], where business visual analytics is introduced. A literature review on BA education is crucial, given the need for comprehensive analyses that address the pedagogical advancements and curricular innovations in this rapidly evolving field. As BA continues to become integral to industry practices, examining how educational institutions adapt to equip students with the necessary skills and competencies is essential. This review is critical in filling the gap by synthesizing existing research and identifying key trends and challenges, providing a foundation for future curriculum development and fostering more

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effective industry-academic collaboration. Without such a review, educators and institutions may lack the insights needed to evolve their programs in alignment with industry demands and the evolving landscape of BA.

This article critically analyzes current BA education and skills development trends, proposes future research directions and discusses prevailing challenges. To achieve this, the study employs a methodology grounded in co-word analysis and tech-mining techniques to identify dominant themes within the literature. These themes highlight significant trends in BA education and student skills acquisition. Subsequently, each thematic cluster is thoroughly analyzed, and the findings are synthesized into a cohesive narrative in the discussion section.

The structure of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 details the methodology employed in this study. Section 3 reports the results obtained. Section 4 critically discusses current trends, challenges, and potential future research avenues. Lastly, Section 5 provides the conclusions.

II. Materials and Methods

This section outlines and critically discusses the standard literature analysis workflow, drawing on established methodologies (Aria & Cuccurullo, 2017; Donthu et al., 2021; Page et al., 2021). The employed method is structured into four key steps:

1. Study Design.
2. Data Collection and Preparation.
3. Data Analysis.
4. Data Interpretation and Synthesis.

This structured approach ensures a comprehensive and systematic literature review, enabling a thorough understanding of the current trends, challenges, and opportunities within the field of study.

A. Study Design

Table 1 outlines the study's parameters, adhering to the literature review guidelines proposed by Kitchenham (2004). Scopus was chosen as the primary bibliographic database for this research. The search strategy was designed to identify relevant BA education and skills development documents indexed in Scopus. The initial phase of the search strategy, as illustrated in **Fig. 1**, involves searching for documents with the term "business analytics" in the title or author keywords without any time constraints. A manual analysis was then conducted on the information provided by Scopus, the titles, author keywords, and index keywords during the iterative phase of the process. This manual review aimed to identify other relevant terms to be incorporated into the search string. Each time a new term was identified, it was added to the search string, and the search was rerun. This process continued until no new terms were discovered. The final search string used in Scopus is shown in **Fig. 1**.

TABLE I
PARAMETERS OF THE STUDY

Parameter	Value
Database	Scopus
Years of analysis	Without restrictions
Data retrieval	Aug 30, 2024
Search string	It is derived using an iterative construction method, which will be elaborated upon in the subsequent section.
Inclusion criteria	Documents published in peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings, books, and book chapters. The documents are directly related to the education and skills development in Business Analytics
Exclusion criteria	Documents where Business Analytics is not the central theme.

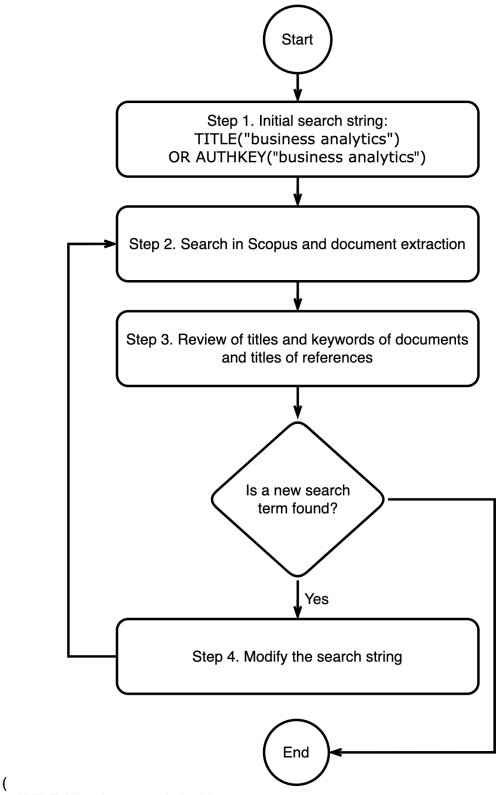


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Fig. 1. Search string design.

Fig. 2 illustrates the total number of documents retrieved from Scopus, following the PRISMA guidelines (Page et al., 2021). The search initially yielded 108 documents from Scopus without any restrictions. However, five papers were excluded from the analysis. These excluded documents comprised works irrelevant to business analytics.

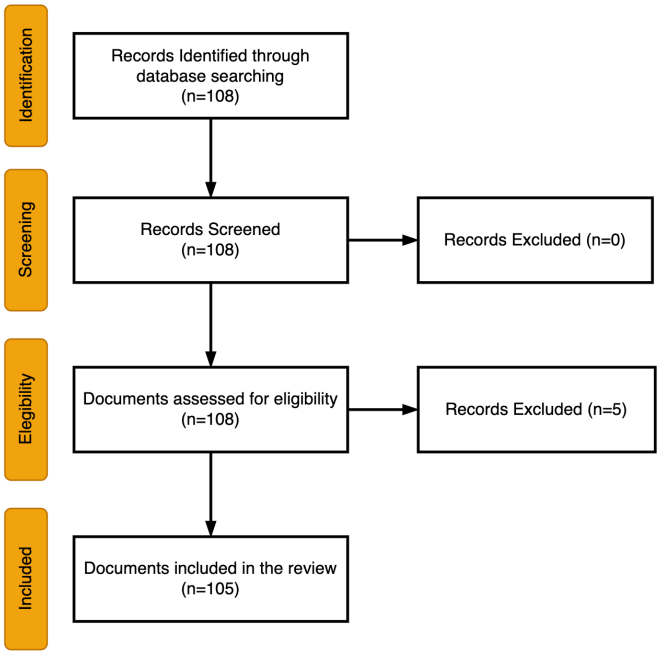

Fig. 2. The PRISMA flow chart.

The data analysis process consists of two main stages. The first stage involves cleaning the descriptors, while the second focuses on identifying emergent themes within the analyzed database. **Fig. 3** illustrates the algorithm for cleaning the descriptors, which aims to standardize text strings representing the same conceptual idea. This step is crucial, as failing to clean the descriptors can result in low-quality outcomes and inaccurate interpretations when discovering emergent themes. Although this issue has been extensively addressed in innovation literature, it must be explored in literature reviews and science mapping studies (Courseault Trumbach & Payne, 2007; Porter et al., 2019; Porter & Zhang, 2012; Zhang et al., 2014). The process involves creating and refining a thesaurus consisting of 267 author keywords, 437 index keywords, and 1,647 noun phrases. By the end of this process, the terms were reduced to 236 author keywords, 384 index keywords, and 1,234 noun phrases. As a result, the analysis uses 1529 cleaned descriptors.

B. Data collection and preliminary preparation

In line with the procedures outlined by Donthu et al. (2021) and Page et al. (2021), all bibliographic data from Scopus was downloaded in CSV format. This data set included document titles, abstracts, author keywords, index keywords, authors, affiliations, source titles, and bibliographies. The data processing involved both automated techniques and manual adjustments, which included the transformation from text to uppercase, the standardization of spelling from British to American English, and the normalization of hyphenated words. In the initial data preparation stage, noun phrases were extracted from the articles' titles and abstracts. Subsequently, a new column labeled "descriptors" was added, incorporating these noun phrases along with author and index keywords. This descriptors column was then used to identify the dominant themes within the literature.

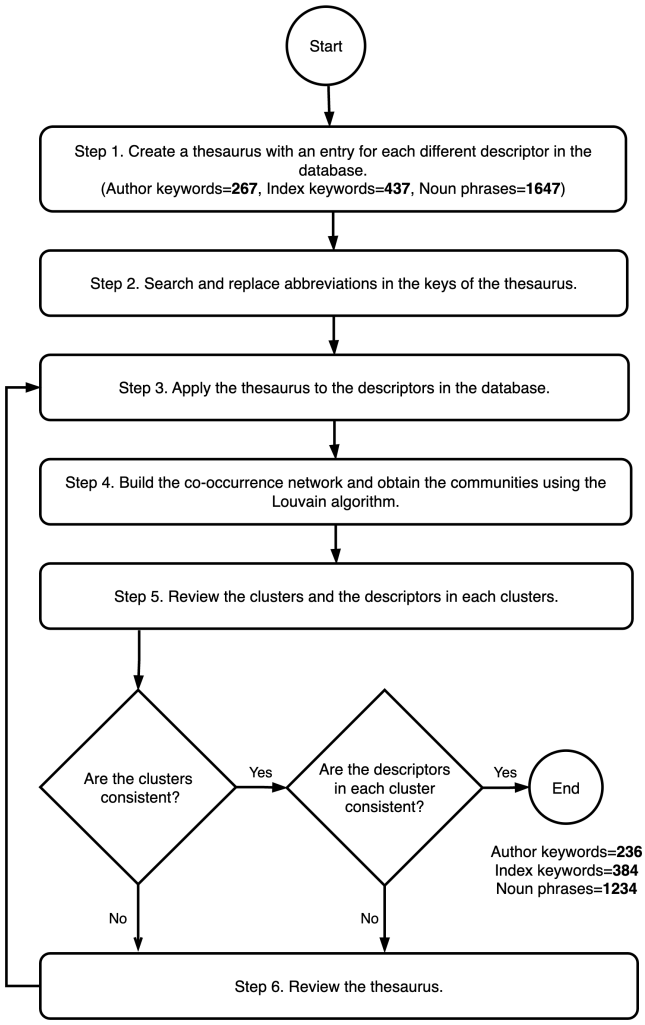

Fig. 3. Methodology to obtain the dominant themes from database descriptors.

C. Data Analysis

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and 13,145 noun phrases. By the end of this process, the terms were reduced to 1,879 author keywords, 2,566 index keywords, and 9,333 noun phrases.

III. Results

A. General Dataset Description

The dataset consists of 103 publications from 2012 to mid-2024, demonstrating a robust annual growth rate of 35.4%. The publications are relatively recent, with an average age of 5.23 years, and each document receives an average of 9.8 citations, equating to 0.76 citations per document per year. The dataset comprises 57 articles, 43 conference papers, two book chapters, and one review (The work of Zhang [4] previously mentioned in the introduction of this paper). The dataset features contributions from 2,110 authors, with an average of 2.87 authors per document and 3.35 co-authors per document. International co-authorship is notable at 25.9%, and the authors are affiliated with 83 countries and 1,187 distinct institutions.

B. Dominant Themes

Table II shows the five themes identified using the methodology outlined in **Fig. 3**. In the analysis, only descriptors that occurred at least four times were included, covering 98.9% of the database, representing 95 documents. For each cluster, documents containing these descriptors were selected and examined. **Table II** displays only the ten most common descriptors.

TABLE II
FOUNDED THEMATIC CLUSTERS

Name	Number of Descriptors	Main Descriptors
Curriculum Innovation for Industry Competencies	21	Curriculum; Skills; Education; Information Use; Business Schools; Curriculum Design; Programs; Education Institutions; Competitive Advantages; Knowledge
Experimental Learning in Analytical Decision-Making	15	Students; Courses; Experiential Learning; Decision Making; Learning; Student Learning; Student Engagement; Insights; Learning Outcomes; Analytics Professionals
Innovative Pedagogies and Curriculum Development	11	Teaching; Information Management; Academic Professionals; Pedagogy; Competitive Intelligence; Curriculum Development; Electronic Learning; Technology; Analytics

The first thematic cluster (Curriculum Innovation for Industry Competencies) focuses on curriculum design and skills development in business schools, emphasizing the alignment of educational programs with evolving industry needs. Business schools play a pivotal role in bridging the gap between academic knowledge and market demands by fostering competencies in data analytics, decision-making, and quantitative analysis [85, 95, 48]. Institutions increasingly integrate experiential learning and innovative pedagogies, such as case-based and gamified approaches, to enhance student engagement and practical decision-making skills [91, 101, 102]. Despite this progress, gaps remain, particularly in emerging technological demands and core areas like data quality [20, 71]. No standardized model curriculum creates inconsistencies in graduate skills and complicates employer expectations [66]. To maintain competitive advantage, educational institutions must continuously refine curricula by integrating interdisciplinary approaches, partnerships with external organizations, and adaptive educational models [17, 30, 41]. These reforms are necessary to prepare graduates for the data-driven business landscape, ensuring they possess the practical knowledge and technological competencies, including analytics and AI, required for success in modern industries [26, 53, 36].

The second thematic cluster (Experimental Learning in Analytical Decision-Making) consistently highlights integrating experiential learning as a critical strategy for enhancing student engagement, decision-making skills, and learning outcomes in business analytics education. Across the provided paragraphs, experiential learning is emphasized as a means of bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, with methods such as real-world case studies, project-based learning, and hands-on labs playing a central role [91][63][92]. These approaches, including flipped classrooms and scaffolded activities, mitigate students' apprehensions about complex quantitative subjects while promoting deeper cognitive engagement and mastery of analytical skills [8][101]. Furthermore, the involvement of industry partners and interdisciplinary contexts in these experiential strategies enables students to apply classroom learning to real-world challenges, enhancing their readiness for professional roles as analytics professionals [17][50]. This cluster underscores the importance of active, applied learning experiences in preparing students for the complexities of real-world analytics tasks, making experiential learning a cornerstone of modern business analytics education [30][103]. Through these immersive methods, students not only gain technical expertise but also develop the critical decision-making abilities necessary to thrive in today's competitive, data-driven business environment [24][36][39][52].

The third thematic cluster (Innovative Pedagogies and Curriculum Development) centers on the dynamic intersection of innovative pedagogical approaches, curriculum development, and the integration of emerging technologies in business analytics education [19][97]. This cluster underscores the necessity of evolving traditional pedagogy by integrating experiential learning techniques—such as case-based learning, modular teaching frameworks, hands-on learning experiences, interactive visual narratives, collaborative environments, and real-world problem-solving projects—to cater to diverse student backgrounds and skill levels, thereby enhancing student engagement, satisfaction, and performance in analytics

courses [91; 101; 57; 73; 92; 79; 51; 103]. Emphasizing the critical role of academic professionals, it highlights the incorporation of emerging technologies like blockchain, artificial intelligence, and data science into curricula, addressing challenges in adapting to the rapidly evolving field of analytics and ensuring educational programs remain relevant to industry demands [100, 71, 73]. By focusing on developing innovative teaching methods and adaptive curricula that cover technical skills and address the evolving needs of industries—particularly in data management and decision-making—the cluster underscores the importance of preparing students with the analytical and practical knowledge needed for complex business environments, including bridging the gap between technical and non-technical learners [43, 69, 17, 30, 73, 90, 103]. The cluster further emphasizes the strategic importance of aligning curriculum design with industry needs, necessitating a rethinking of traditional educational frameworks to include experiential learning and application-oriented models, ensuring continuous curriculum refinement and better preparing students for the complexities of the modern, data-driven business environment [26, 32, 79, 51, 19, 34].

IV. Discussion

A. Curriculum Design and Development

The design and development of curricula in business analytics education increasingly emphasize the alignment of academic programs with evolving industry demands. Educational institutions are progressively integrating advanced analytics, big data, and business intelligence tools into their curricula to equip students with the necessary skills to tackle real-world challenges. This integration is driven by the recognition that business analytics represents a competitive advantage in the modern data-driven marketplace. Consequently, universities have expanded their offerings, creating specialized undergraduate and graduate programs focusing on technical and analytical skills relevant to industry needs. However, this rapid curriculum evolution presents significant challenges. One of the primary challenges is maintaining a balance between the inclusion of cutting-edge technologies and the foundational theories and concepts critical to developing broader analytical skills and critical thinking. The pace of technological advancement necessitates frequent curriculum updates, which can strain institutional resources and lead to disparities in the quality of business analytics education across different institutions.

Moreover, there is a persistent challenge in creating curricula catering to diverse student backgrounds while ensuring that all graduates possess a comprehensive skill set that includes technical proficiency and strategic business knowledge. To address these challenges, future research should focus on developing modular, adaptive curricula that can evolve with the field without requiring frequent overhauls. Additionally, there is a need for interdisciplinary approaches that blend technical skills with business acumen, ensuring that students are prepared for the complexities of the business analytics profession.

B. Analytical Skills Development

The development of analytical skills in business analytics education is increasingly centered on equipping students with technical proficiency and the ability to apply these skills in real-world contexts. Educational programs focus on integrating hands-on, experiential learning opportunities, such as project-based learning and real-world data analysis, to ensure students are prepared to meet industry demands. For example, using advanced business intelligence tools and incorporating predictive modeling and data visualization into the curriculum is critical in enhancing students' ability to analyze and interpret complex datasets [24, 97]. These approaches build technical expertise and foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, which are essential for data-driven decision-making in business environments. Despite these efforts, challenges persist, particularly in addressing the varying levels of preparedness among students entering these programs. Many students, especially those with non-technical backgrounds, may need help with the mathematical and statistical rigor required in advanced analytics courses [87]. This gap in foundational skills can hinder their ability to engage with and benefit from the curriculum entirely.

Additionally, the rapid pace of technological advancements in the field necessitates continuous curriculum updates, which can be resource-intensive for educational institutions [97]. Future research should explore adaptive learning environments that tailor instruction to individual student needs, thereby bridging the skills gap and ensuring all students can develop the necessary analytical competencies. Moreover, studies examining the long-term impact of different pedagogical approaches on student outcomes, particularly in their ability to apply analytical skills in professional settings, would provide valuable insights for curriculum development [63, 24]. These efforts are crucial for advancing business analytics education and ensuring that graduates are well-equipped to succeed in a data-driven world.

C. Experiential Learning Approaches

Experiential learning approaches have become increasingly central to business analytics education, emphasizing the importance of practical, hands-on experiences that bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. Programs now integrate real-world projects, internships, and interdisciplinary collaborations into their curricula, allowing students to engage deeply with complex business problems and apply their analytical skills in realistic settings. For instance, threaded case studies and project-based learning enhance student engagement and improve learning outcomes by immersing students in scenarios that mimic real business challenges [91, 63]. Additionally, gamification techniques, such as using SAP and ERPsim games, have effectively deepened students' understanding of business processes through interactive and experiential learning frameworks [101]. Despite the clear benefits, the implementation of

experiential learning faces significant challenges. One key issue is ensuring scalability and consistency in quality across diverse educational contexts, particularly when resources and faculty expertise are limited [91]. The alignment of these hands-on experiences with academic goals and industry needs is also complex. It requires careful planning to ensure they are educationally valuable and relevant to students' future careers [68].

Furthermore, the need to continuously update and adapt experiential learning activities to keep pace with the rapidly evolving business analytics landscape adds another layer of difficulty, demanding significant investment in both time and resources [28]. Future research could focus on developing adaptive learning environments that tailor experiential activities to individual student needs, ensuring equitable access and enhancing learning outcomes across varying skill levels. Additionally, investigating the long-term impact of these approaches on students' career success could provide valuable insights into the most effective strategies for integrating experiential learning into business analytics education [17, 30].

D. Industry Collaboration

Industry collaboration has become increasingly integral to business analytics education, with academic programs actively seeking partnerships to align curricula with the practical needs of the job market. Universities collaborate with industry stakeholders to co-design courses, integrate real-world projects, and offer internships that provide students with hands-on experience and insights into current industry practices. For example, initiatives like the Teradata University Network (TUN) facilitate knowledge sharing and innovative teaching practices through partnerships between academia and industry professionals [42]. Such collaborations ensure that graduates are equipped with relevant skills, enhancing their employability and readiness for the workforce [95, 42]. However, these collaborations present significant challenges, particularly in balancing the differing priorities of academia and industry. While universities aim to provide foundational knowledge and long-term educational outcomes, industry partners often focus on immediate practical skills, leading to potential misalignment in curriculum design [65].

Additionally, the rapid evolution of the business analytics field requires continuous updates to collaborative projects and curricula, which can strain resources and create logistical difficulties in maintaining relevant and impactful partnerships [19]. Future research should explore sustainable models of industry collaboration that balance these differing needs and allow for ongoing curriculum adaptation in response to industry trends. Investigating the long-term impact of such collaborations on student outcomes, including employability and career progression, is crucial for understanding their value in business analytics education. Furthermore, efforts to make these opportunities more inclusive and accessible to all students, regardless of their background or resources, would ensure that the benefits of industry collaboration are widely distributed [32, 30].

E. Student Engagement and Outcomes

Student engagement and outcomes are critical concerns in business analytics education, with a growing emphasis on using innovative pedagogical strategies to enhance learning experiences. Experiential learning approaches, such as threaded case studies and project-based learning, have significantly improved engagement, particularly in large and diverse classrooms [91, 49]. These methods allow students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problems, deepening their understanding and retention of key concepts. For instance, integrating social media analytics into capstone projects engages students with relevant and current issues and connects them with community organizations, further enriching their educational experience [49]. However, challenges still need to be addressed in maintaining high levels of student engagement, especially in online and hybrid learning environments where traditional methods may be less effective [89]. The asynchronous nature of these environments can lead to reduced interaction and motivation, negatively impacting learning outcomes.

Additionally, designing engaging content for technical and non-technical students poses a significant challenge, as it requires balancing the complexity of business analytics with accessibility for all students [103]. To address these challenges, future research could explore adaptive learning technologies that tailor content to individual needs, thus enhancing engagement and learning outcomes. Moreover, investigating the long-term effects of different pedagogical strategies on student retention and success in traditional and online settings could provide valuable insights into effective educational practices in business analytics [98, 101]. Finally, integrating feedback mechanisms that support student learning and achievement may further enhance engagement, particularly in complex and technical subjects like business analytics [29, 101].

F. Faculty and Professional Development

Faculty and professional development are critical for successfully implementing business analytics education, as the growing demand for graduates with these skills necessitates that academic institutions continuously update their programs. Faculty must stay current with the latest tools and methodologies, particularly as business analytics intersects with computer science, statistics, and business management [41, 29]. Programs like the Business Data Analytics Graduate Certificate at Loyola University Chicago highlight the importance of ongoing professional development for educators to deliver relevant content effectively [98]. However, challenges remain, including the rapid pace of technological advancements, the interdisciplinary nature of the field, and the need for structured professional development programs tailored to business analytics educators. These challenges can lead to faculty burnout as they need help to balance teaching, research, and administrative duties [41]. To address these issues, there is a need for more targeted and structured professional development programs that focus on the latest trends in analytics tools and teaching methodologies. Research

should also explore the benefits of collaborative learning environments among faculty and the role of institutional support in facilitating continuous professional development. Additionally, partnerships between academia and industry could help align faculty development programs with the evolving demands of the business analytics profession, ensuring that educators remain equipped to teach effectively in this rapidly changing field [98].

G. Innovative Teaching Methods

Innovative teaching methods in business analytics education are increasingly focused on experiential learning and integrating real-world applications to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical skills. The use of hands-on labs, enterprise BA tools like MS SQL Server and Cognos, and collaborative environments such as wiki-based platforms have proven effective in enhancing student engagement, learning, and confidence [92, 19, 73]. These methods are designed to prepare students for the demands of the business analytics field, which relies heavily on data-driven decision-making and the ability to apply analytical skills in real-world contexts [55]. Additionally, pedagogical frameworks that guide students through data acquisition, preparation, analysis, visualization, and interpretation are gaining traction, offering a comprehensive learning experience that aligns with industry needs [79]. However, implementing these innovative methods presents challenges, particularly in ensuring accessibility and effectiveness for all students, regardless of their prior experience. The rapid evolution of technology in business analytics further complicates the task, requiring educators to continuously adapt their teaching practices to stay relevant [19, 79].

Moreover, the resource-intensive nature of experiential learning and the complexity of integrating these methods into traditional curricula pose significant obstacles, especially in institutions with limited resources [55]. Research opportunities include developing scalable experiential learning models, exploring cross-disciplinary curricula to ensure broader access to BA skills, and expanding collaborative platforms for sharing best practices in innovative teaching [73, 97]. These efforts would help refine and enhance business analytics education, ensuring it remains adequate and relevant in a rapidly changing field.

H. Data Literacy and Ethics

Current trends in business analytics education emphasize the importance of integrating data literacy and ethics alongside technical skills. As data becomes central to business decision-making, students must be prepared to navigate ethical challenges such as privacy, security, and potential biases in data-driven decisions. Educators are increasingly incorporating ethics discussions into their curricula to ensure students are equipped to make responsible, informed career decisions [3]. However, teaching abstract ethical concepts within a technically focused curriculum poses challenges, particularly in balancing practical skills with critical thinking about data use. The rapidly evolving landscape of data technology further complicates this, as ethical guidelines must be continuously updated, requiring educators to stay informed on technological and ethical developments.

Additionally, resistance from students or institutions that prioritize technical proficiency over ethics can hinder the integration of ethical considerations into analytics education. Research opportunities in this area include developing innovative methods to effectively integrate ethics into technical curricula, creating standardized ethical guidelines for use across educational institutions, and investigating the impact of ethics education on students' professional behavior and decision-making [3]. These efforts would help cultivate a more ethically responsible generation of business analytics professionals.

I. Technology-Enhanced Learning

Current trends in business analytics education are increasingly focusing on technology-enhanced learning, emphasizing integrating advanced data analytics tools and platforms into curricula. This approach aims to provide students with hands-on experience that aligns closely with industry needs, utilizing tools like SAS Enterprise Miner and data visualization technologies to develop practical skills in data analysis and decision-making [52, 24]. The growing demand for business analytics professionals proficient in theoretical knowledge and cutting-edge tools underscores the importance of this trend [32]. However, significant challenges remain, particularly in the gap in faculty expertise, where many instructors may need more skills to teach these advanced tools effectively. This issue is notably prominent in regions like the Philippines, where a shortage of qualified instructors hampers the full integration of business analytics into the curriculum [32, 52]. Additionally, the rapid pace of technological change makes it difficult for educational institutions to keep their curricula up-to-date, risking the possibility of students graduating with outdated skills [52, 40]. To address these challenges, future efforts should focus on developing faculty training programs to equip educators with the necessary skills, continuous curriculum evaluation, and the creation of standardized syllabi that can be adapted to new tools and technologies, ensuring that graduates are prepared for the demands of the business analytics field [32, 24].

V. Conclusions

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