

Heather L. Brown, Recognized by Influential Women, Advances Human-Centered Learning Through Instructional Design

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Liberty Lake, Washington — Heather L. Brown is a visionary leader in instructional design and learning strategy, recognized for her ability to transform complex challenges into accessible, human-centered learning experiences that drive measurable results. Currently serving as Director of Instructional Design at Hurix Digital, Heather leads global teams in designing innovative learning systems that bridge the gap between learning science, technology, and real-world application.



With extensive experience across corporate, educational, and emerging technology environments, Heather has built a reputation for leading with clarity, empathy, and precision. Her expertise spans instructional design, curriculum strategy, accessibility, learning operations, and organizational development. Whether navigating rapidly evolving technologies, highly regulated industries, or diverse international audiences, Heather consistently develops scalable learning solutions that improve performance outcomes while maintaining a strong focus on the learner experience.

Throughout her career, Heather has successfully led high-performing teams across the United States, the United Kingdom, and India, aligning stakeholders, subject-matter experts, and cross-functional teams around shared strategic goals. Her leadership style combines empathy with accountability, focusing on removing obstacles, building trust, and empowering teams to execute

effectively in fast-paced and often ambiguous environments.

Heather's educational background reflects her commitment to continuous growth and interdisciplinary learning. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and an Elementary Education Degree from the University of Idaho, initially planning to pursue a career in psychiatry before discovering a passion for education and instructional development. After a hiring freeze disrupted her plans to enter elementary education, she pivoted professionally by earning her first Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University, a decision she describes as the turning point that ultimately led her to instructional design and learning strategy.

She later earned a second Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University, further strengthening her ability to lead large-scale educational and organizational initiatives. In addition, Heather serves on the Advisory Board of the Global Skill Development Council and has received multiple honors from Western Governors University recognizing her contributions to instructional innovation and leadership excellence.

Heather attributes much of her success to perseverance, adaptability, and a lifelong commitment to learning. She describes her professional journey as anything but linear, believing each experience contributed to her ability to navigate complexity and lead effectively in uncertain situations. Alongside her work in instructional design and leadership, she continued exploring new disciplines and expanding her skills, including studying cosmetology, earning a CDL, and pursuing additional educational opportunities driven by curiosity and personal growth.

Today, Heather focuses on helping organizations make sense of ambiguity by transforming unclear goals, rapid change, and diverse learner needs into scalable, practical learning systems. She believes the most effective leaders invest deeply in people by building trust, asking thoughtful questions, and ensuring teams have the support and resources necessary to succeed.

One of the most influential lessons Heather has carried throughout her career is the belief that almost anything is achievable through hard work, persistence, and the willingness to pivot and keep learning. She also draws inspiration from Eleanor Roosevelt's quote, "You must do the things you think you cannot do," which has guided her approach to leadership and personal growth. Heather believes confidence is developed not before challenges arise, but through consistently stepping into uncomfortable situations and learning through experience.

For young women entering instructional design, technology, or leadership roles, Heather encourages them to pursue careers that genuinely bring them fulfillment while also advocating for themselves as intentionally as they advocate for their teams. She believes women should actively share their stories, build strong professional networks, and develop personal brands that make their contributions visible and valued. Heather also emphasizes the importance of

mastering the fundamentals of the field, understanding the reasoning behind the work, and recognizing that expertise alone is not enough if individuals are unwilling to speak up and contribute their perspectives.

Heather sees one of the greatest challenges—and opportunities—in her industry as navigating the rapid rise of artificial intelligence, automation, and global digital learning systems while maintaining integrity and humanity within educational experiences. She believes technology offers tremendous potential to scale learning and improve access, but also requires thoughtful implementation that respects culture, context, accessibility, and cognitive load. In her view, the strongest leaders will be those who balance innovation and speed with empathy, intentionality, and sound judgment.

The values guiding Heather in both her professional and personal life are integrity, clarity, respect, curiosity, accountability, and growth. She believes leadership requires honesty, thoughtful communication, and leading by example rather than asking others to do things she would not do herself. Heather also sees personal growth as an essential responsibility of leadership, requiring openness to feedback, self-reflection, and adaptability.

Through her leadership at Hurix Digital and her continued commitment to empowering learners and teams, Heather L. Brown remains dedicated to shaping the future of instructional design through innovation, accessibility, and deeply human-centered learning experiences.

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