

## De kloof tussen theorie en praktijk in het hbo: een ravijn of goed te overbruggen?

During my minor thesis, I investigated how alumni, lecturers and potential employers of the alumni perceive a gap between education and the workfield, and to investigate what is needed to close this gap. I conducted a qualitative case study by means of interviews with these groups.

The results showed that alumni mainly seem to experience gaps in study content and relevance of the study with regard to practice, teachers mainly seem to experience a gap in student motivation and employers define a gap that can be related to the perception students regarding the importance of developing soft skills relative to hard skills. My research showed that the gaps can be narrowed or bridged by adding practical skills to the study, improving the motivation of the students by emphasizing the practical relevance of the content of the study for later professions, and coaching students in their perception of what skills are valuable for professional practice.