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INTRODUCTION

This will include some experiences from students that have also experienced the positivity's and negativities whilst using E-learning for studying.

It will also be explaining the impact of E-Learning that has influenced students during COVID 19. How it has helped students been able to carry on with their studies during a worldwide Pandemic.

As I have experienced this myself, studying from home due to COVID19, until we were able to go into campus. I have found this rather overwhelming at times, but with all the support from the university and classmates it made it possible for me to do this.

“eLearning is the way forward”

POSITIVITY OF E-LEARNING.

The positivity of eLearning is that it allows us to learn online using electronic devices such as computers tablets and even smart phones.

With e- learning it enables us to take courses from around the world, 24 hours a day seven days a week from the comfort of our homes and offices and at universities. eLearning courses are easy enough to maintain and the luxury of doing these courses you can do these at your own pace, which is brilliant for people who work full time, who want to study tom further their education, it's also good for parents who juggle family life.

Sarh Guri- Rosenbilt from open university of Israel explored the exact definition of eLearning in detail in 2005. "Distance education" and eLearning, Not the same thing. (2005).

The value of E- learning has a huge advantage over just the traditional learning methods. It is a self-paced learning for students and from all types of environments eLearning also is cost effective and a lot more effective rather than the traditional classrooms, but like everything eLearning is far from perfect According to Author and e learner researcher – Donna J Abernathy.

"Online learning is not the next new thing; it is the now big thing."

It has its own learning platforms that can enable students to get the most out of their learning process which are eBooks, videos. In the world we live today everything is within a click of a button we have learning Apps which is the quickest way to research anything. There are so many platforms you can look to seek any answers or questions you are looking for.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

"Nelson Mandella"

Negativity on eLearning

We have already talked about the benefits of e Learning now it is the time to flip the coin and see what the disadvantages of eLearning are.

Disadvantages:

Online e Learning can cause isolation.

Lack of communication skills.

Plagiarism during assessments.

Lack of face-to-face communication.

E learning requires self-motivation and management skills.

In our traditional classrooms, teachers and tutors can give one to one or face to face feedback.

Students that experience difficulties with e learning can find it more difficult during lectures and are unable to get more help whilst learning.

Which can make learning easier and more significant which can resolve in more motivation for the students. (p60 2018)

Researchers have demonstrated this with the feedback systems put in place with online reading which could potentially solve the solution.

This disadvantage of eLearning is usually solved by “video chats” Talking to other students, and generally communicating with others within their class.

E learning can cause isolation.

Students and tutors that spend too much time online can experience signs of isolation, due to the lack of communication.

This can lead to mental health issues such as

Stress and Anxiety. This can be reduced by interacting with class students as they are able to speak more freely and understand that they are not alone by doing this it would reduce any stress and anxiety they have.

Ways to resolve isolation online could be as simple as:

Communicating with students online, Txt messages Video calls. Any kind of virtual communication would stop this from happening to keep an eye on each other and interact with others.

Bring the class together by making the lesson more fun interact with each other by making up Quiz's so you as a class can work as a team, by doing this it will make the students lesson more "FUN" and break that student barrier getting to no others in your class.

PLAGIRISM.

Unfortunately, this is one of the biggest disadvantages of eLearning.

Students are still able to cheat on their assessments.

To protect non cheating measures anti cheating measures must be put into place.

The most popular anti cheating tool is used in eLearning systems such as EXAMITY. Which use automated ID verification and machine learning to detect fraudulent test takers. By checking your Moodle, you can see the similarities' you have and can check your work and by checking this you are able to lower any similarities that you have.

But by cheating on your course, you are not going to learn anything. If you are willing to put the work in research what you need to look for, you don't have to have the need to cheat.

Lack of face-to-face communication.

The lack of face-to-face communication ties in with previously mentioned in the disadvantages. With eLearning a lack of any face-to-face skills communication with a tutor or lecturer tends to have a lack of student's feedback. this can cause isolation and can cause students to feel a lot of pressure, and this is a big disadvantage. It can cause students to abandon their studies, as I have experienced this, I found that the first few weeks studying from home rather than in class I found it very overwhelming I didn't find it easy to ask questions at first because I was embarrassed to do so at first. But once you experience this after a few more lessons you tend to get more vocal, and more confident.

E learning face to face communication can be used with other methods.

Such as more video chats, group chats and chatrooms, this could help with negative effects during online learning. (Chapter 11- 2011).

E learning is limited to certain disciplines:

All education disciplines are not all credited equal, and not all studies can be used in e learning.

eLearning can only be used for social science and humanities rather than medical science and engineering. Which these are in need for a more hands on practical experience. While this could

change the future and are currently not at a point where we can fully teach all professions with a solely by eLearning. (301-310, 2001)

Acute shortage of doctors and other Healthcare. Increased complex of services technologies and technology changes.

Modular Distant Learning, which is referred to package learning modules to be able to maintain competence knowledge and skills of practicing licenses of the healthcare professionals.

Such as medical education learning could serve an excellent alternative, to fully online learning.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF E LEARNING.

E learning platforms means that you can learn anytime and anywhere. It is such a success being able to learn online.

That is to suggest the most efficient or effective ways of learning resources to achieve a certain competence. These platforms that are available nowadays do help the students get full research available.

However, over specification and excessive searching in learning overload. By overloading your brain with research can make you more confused with the knowledge your looking for keep it simpler so your able to understand the research and your work.

(P 130- 2018)

CONCLUSION ON E LEARNING.

E Learning environment has become essential for students, universities all around the world to be able to meet their skills online with the support given from their teachers, Tutors, and other students. The goal has been able to deliver a high-quality education online. eLearning is not just a change of technology, but it shows you how students are able to submit knowledge and skills, this

will enable the younger generation of today and in the future to be able to go online and to be taught an education rather than going into class, as I have experienced starting Uni during Covid19 I have been taught online until we are able to attend in class, by doing this the University has been very helpful with a large number of helpdesks that are available all week 24/ 7 with any help needed and giving advice. I will be honest at first, I found this very over whelming but as the weeks went on and you start communicating with the class it gets easier also you don't feel like a fish out of water.

My brother studied an Open University course, he studied Engineering Science, he was able to study online as well as working full time as an Engineer and juggling a family life this took him 7 years to complete the course and graduate, being able to study online he now has his dream job if he was unable to study online, he wouldn't have been able to have the opportunity do this due to family commitments. eLearning is such a vital part of our future It enables others to be able to do their dream job whilst juggling a family life. By being able to learn anytime anywhere this opens so many opportunities for anyone to learn whatever they want to at any age you're never too

old you're always learning in life. As I have researched that Nola Ochs (nee Hill) (November 22, 1911, December 9, 2016) was an American woman, from Jetmore, Kansa who in 2007, at the age of 95 graduated from college and was certified that by the Guinness World Records as the oldest person in the world to become a college graduate, until Shigemi Hirata from Japan born September 1, 1919, received a Batchelor of Arts degree at the ages of 96 years 200 days when he graduated from the Kyoto, Japan on March 19, 2016. How incredible is that.

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