

Abstract

Topic - Benefits of Online Education – Global Hospitality Educators’ perspective

Online education or e-learning is a classroom without any walls where the instructor and his students do not need to interact face-to-face and could be located in different corners of the world. Audio, video, computer and networking technologies are often combined to create a multifaceted instructional delivery system. The fundamental method to unite the distance learning instructor with the distance learner is the network. Networks suitable for distance learning implementations include satellite, cable modem, digital subscriber lines (DSL), and wireless cable (Collins, 2002).

Purpose of study of the research was to outline the benefits of ‘Online Factor’ in Hospitality Education system from Global Educators’ point of view. Questionnaire was filled by 50 Hospitality Educators from different 6 countries. Although the educators were from different parts of the world the finding lead to Online Education being the future of Hospitality education and being one of the most effective ways of teaching / learning. Some of the common benefits highlighted were sense of equality , 24 / 7 accessibility to course material, maximizing class room experience, approachability to instructors, leading to student centered teaching approach , learning from experts from different part of globe, accommodating learning styles etc.

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