ONLINE TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19

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Abstract

Current closure of universities, as a safety precaution for global COVID-19 pandemic, has urged uninterrupted educational setting on virtual platforms. Switching to fully online-based teaching and learning brings its own challenges to both teachers and students, in terms of swift adjustments with changes in their conventional habitual rituals. In recognition of complications in transformation, numerous online strategies have been introduced to the delivery of learning and teaching practice. Simultaneously, online technologies and infrastructure are required to assure compliance with quality and standards of education systems. Distance teaching and learning requires to master specific skills in terms of proper delivery methods as well as developing self-discipline in students learning. Common challenges associated with delivery in teaching and learning online and approaches in mitigating them will be discussed focusing higher educational systems. Furthermore, different aspects of teaching and learning on virtual platforms will be addressed to share among the educational community.

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