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Peculiarities of Online Education

With over 40% of Internet users worldwide as of 2014 (Internet Users), online services are becoming more and more important for the average person. There is no doubt that many of the services available on the web play a very important role not only for scholars or professionals, but for any other person as well. One of such services is online education.

There are two models of education that still exist today are static and dynamic. With the static model, an individual gains a certain amount of knowledge and skills by a certain age and then gets a job in accordance with his or her education. There is no need to develop further learning, as all the knowledge that is necessary to do the job has already been acquired at an academic institution and/or on the job training. On the contrary, the dynamic form of education presupposes that a process of studying is not limited to a certain period of life at an academic institution or on the job. In the 19th century and with earlier technologies, doctrines and scientific concepts might have remained unchanged during a person's lifetime. Nowadays, technologies continue to evolve so quickly that ways of thinking and doing that were considered revolutionary ten years earlier have become outdated today. That is why a person must continue studying during his entire life to keep pace with progress.

The main reason why online education should be considered an alternative to attending traditional educational institutions and an effective way of learning is the possibility for a person to customize what is to be learned, and when and how to do so (Anand). However, some researchers feel that such flexibility can lead to procrastination. If one is free to learn anytime and anywhere, chances are that individual will put off completing assignments until later. Anyway, it all depends

on the person's motivation and should not be regarded as a drawback in a system of online education in itself.

Online education is a great opportunity for people who live in remote places to get knowledge they might not have access to in the place where they reside (Blake). They don't have to spend a lot of time and money to travel to another city or country to study or learn what they need. Online education platforms make it possible to access lectures of well-known professors without leaving the house.

The usual cost of an online course is generally lower than of the same course taught face-to-face at the university. Moreover, it is not necessary for a person to leave his work. One can learn at leisure from practically anywhere; all that is needed is a computer with an Internet connection (Kumar). Such convenience and flexibility gives individuals an opportunity to not only develop skills in a particular field, but also to develop new ones and to become a specialist.

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