

THE CURRENT SITUATION OF OPEN AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

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Abstract

Distance education which has a history of about 150 years has probably not been a topic of such discussion in its long history. One of the reasons for this is that it has long been disregarded as a form and field of education by many educators and institutions. Nevertheless, changing economic, sociological and technological conditions have made distance education almost the center of educational debates, and open and distance education has become a topic that has an impact on the paradigm of education in the world. In the present study, the situation of open and distance learning; the demographic, economic, sociological and technological reasons for the increasing interest in open and distance learning, recent developments and increasing trends will be discussed and the problems resulting from these trends and their reasons will be touched upon.

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