

TRADITIONAL LEARNING VS. ONLINE LEARNING IN THE ERA OF DIGITALIZATION

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Through the years, technology has made each one's life easier. It helped us be more effective and efficient in our day to day tasks, from the way we communicate, the way we travel, and the way we work-- we can say that technology has improved our lives. And through the intervention of technology it has also affected the education sector, online classes has been introduced, different online applications and software has been produced and used to impart knowledge, and online learning has become the new normal in education. With the convergence of technology in education, is traditional way of learning has now become obsolete?

Traditional learning helps learners develop their social skills through interaction with teachers, classmates, and other school staff. It also establishes a routine wherein students are obliged to follow, thus, developing their sense of discipline and responsibility.

Face to face classes creates more room for improvement and learning to each students wherein they are able to reach out with their peers and teachers easily. There are also extra-curricular activities in schools that they can participate and enhance their talents and skills-- traditional learning is an avenue where children achieve their full potential.

However, through the advancement of technology and innovations, online learning was introduced. Since almost everyone has access to internet and gadgets nowadays teachers have found efficient ways to deliver lessons in distance learning

through online classrooms wherein each meetings can be recorded and distributed to students who may find difficulty in a specific subject area.

It has allowed students to access online modules, textbooks, and activities on a flexible schedule. It also developed one's independence and introduced different varieties of learning styles to learners given that they are apart from their peers and teachers.

Although online learning is more convenient, it also has its downside. Learners can be more dependent on the internet, technical issues may arise, and focus of learners can be challenged since they have more screen time spent on their gadgets.

Each student has a different style of coping and learning; some depends on group-study while others can work better alone. While the advancement of technology changed the traditional learning our education sector has introduced years ago, we can also say that it has largely filled the gap from the issues we encounter for the implementation of distance and blended learning.

Blended learning opened our eyes to what can we achieve and give more as an educator. It maximizes our skills so we can reach out more to the students. Traditional learning and online learning is the today of education wherein both learners and educators benefited from. Still, its goal is to provide a quality education and shape the minds of each individual towards a better society.

The intervention of technology in our lives is irrevocable. It may be challenging but it is our world, fast growing and ever changing. All we have to do is to adapt from it.

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