PROSPECTS OF DISTANCE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract. Distance education in the Republic of Belarus, prospects, schools, facilities and results are described.

To begin with, we would like to mention that distance education is a method of imparting knowledge, skills and attitudes, which is rationalized by the application of division of labour, extensive use of technical media, especially for the purpose of reproducing higher quality teaching material, which makes it possible to instruct large number of students at the same time wherever they live.

Currently, the system of higher education is undergoing cardinal transformations that involve updating content, the formation of professional competencies. A new quality of students’ education, at the same time, requires implementation of innovative technologies in the educational process. In this regard, education should become such a social institution that would be able to provide a person with a variety of sets of educational services that allow you to study continuously. These arguments can be attributed to the latest form of pedagogical activity, which is referred to as distance learning.

One of the perspective ways to get an education in our time is to study remotely, using the opportunities that modern telecommunication technologies provide, and in particular, the Internet.

In our opinion the future is in distance education. And then we’ll try to prove this. In the world of new technologies and a rapid change, people are striving for faster and better education. How does distance education contribute to this? Firstly, you can choose a teacher who is appropriate for you. There is a huge number of courses, such as Social Media Marketing courses, and you can choose the desired information and the desired speaker. Secondly, you can study everywhere, there is no need to go to schools, colleges or universities. You have an opportunity to study in a more pleasant and comfortable for you place and perceive information better.

What are the prospects? We think the answer to this question is obvious when giving examples. Today it is not a secret that in large companies every employee undergoes adaptation before starting work. And it would be useful to continue his professional training. Some companies pre-record video lessons and give an access to them to a new employee. He studies the information at home and comes to the office already understanding the principle of work. This saves both time and human resources.

We can give another example. You want to learn a foreign language. Previously everyone was looking for a tutor, visited him and studied according to ordinary books several times a week. It’s different nowadays. Some of the best schools for learning foreign languages, for example, SkyEng and English Tochka, use webinars, Skype and phones for training. You communicate every day with the chosen teacher according to the best and proven methods. You perceive information better when you see a picture and hear a voice-over that explains what is happening.

In the modern world, there are a lot of facilities to study remotely in any sphere whether it’s marketing, programming, law, economics, design, etc. There are many courses, webinars and even video lessons on YouTube and other sources.

Our advice is to use these opportunities, save time and then spend it on applying acquired skills practically. This will help to become a highly qualified specialist on the labor market in any field.

Distance education gives students access to non-traditional sources of information, increases the efficiency of independent work, gives completely new opportunities for creativity, acquisition and consolidation of various professional skills, and allows teachers to implement fundamentally new forms and teaching methods using conceptual and mathematical modeling of phenomena and processes.

Distance education is a modern improved way of obtaining knowledge in the future.

The result of the transition to a distance education system should be the transition to an open education system; the use of multimedia, information technology in the selection process of accumulation, systematization and knowledge transfer; the formation of new educational directions that meet the needs of information-dependent society and the labor market in the new millennium.

Distance education system is designed to provide an advanced training of specialists in accordance with the content of educational programs, a qualitative level of academic mobility of students, the possibility of education for people with disabilities to get an education through the traditional system.

In our opinion, distance education has its pros and cons, but it also has prospects for development in the future.

New technologies will allow us to open up new areas of science and education, will open up new opportunities for self-development.

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