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Distance Learning

**Chapter 1**

**Introduction**

**Nature of the Problem**

The nature of the problem is to gain teaching skills in an online or distance learning environment. Online or distance learning skills are different from traditional classroom classes. In order to facilitate a successful class, interaction between student and instructor and student and student is imperative. The average student has (a) families, (b) jobs, and (c) social commitments requiring flexibility to attend colleges or universities. East Carolina University (ECU) reports its average student age is 36 with 68% women and 86% having a family of two or more (Whitehurst & Willis, 2009).

 In order to meet the changing learning needs of the students, additional training is necessary for professors and instructors to learn skills imperative in providing active interaction classes in a different venue than the traditional classroom setting**.**

**Purpose of the Paper**

The purpose of the paper is to learn valuable skills in teaching an online or distance learning class. Distance or online learning medium requires (a) discussion forums, (b) assignments, and (c) required reading material to be categorized into Moodle for the students to access and participate. Currently, most professors have experience in traditional one on one classroom setting but limited experience in distance learning. Distance learning requires

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interaction between instructor as well as other students. In order for colleges and universities to meet the growing student needs and technological changes, additional focus and skills are

necessary. Distance or online learning skills in Moodle will provide Imaging Science Department advancement in providing these classes.

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