ERE Proposal-Trends and Patterns in Contemporary Distance Education Research

Reflection

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Description:
This project was created as an assignment for my doctoral program course Research Methods. The primary purpose of this study is to conduct a content analysis of contemporary research in online education. Specifically, I analyzed the abstracts of dissertations completed between January 2010 and November 2010 to identify trends and patterns in contemporary distance education research. I then took the findings from my research and presented them at the Eighth Annual Educational Research Exchange Conference at Youngstown State University. I have included both the paper and the PowerPoint presentation I gave at the ERE conference.

Impact:
This project provided me with valuable research experience. It also provided with the opportunity to present my findings at a conference to practice my presented skills and prepare me for future presentations in my career.

Intent:
This project helped me to narrow down where research still needed to be conducted in the field of online learning. I will use this information to direct me in determining my dissertation topic.