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Title of your research project.

Life Experience: An analysis of knowledge transfer through internship in an online business program

Description of research. Please provide a few sentences that explain the question and the methods employed in this research project.

This is a scholarship of teaching and learning study that seeks to analyze the outcomes of internship experiences facilitated through an on-line program. The study will assess student learning outcomes, both cognitive and non-cognitive, as reflected in their responses to a series of pre- and post- survey questions; as well as an evaluation of the artifacts they generate as part of an on-line internship course.

Did this project include Penn State students as researchers?

No

If yes to the above question, please state where it was published.

Research is still in progress

What problem do you address with your research?

To date, efforts to structure and measure the benefits of internships for business students has focused largely on traditionally aged (i.e. under 25 years of age), who are enrolled in, and participate in internships, in a face-to-face setting. At the same time, adult learning theory places considerable priority on experiential learning as effective with this population. This study seeks to close the gap between experiential learning and adult learning by assessing the internship experiences of adult, online students and comparing and contrasting these with prevailing models of experiential education.