

Reality and future of the electronic education at Al-Taif university.

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Introduction;

The only known educational system at universities till near time was regularity , where the student is committed to attend the college in regular way, most of the time on daily basis(specific times, following time table). For too many reasons universities started to use other modern educational systems, as a support or substitute to that system.

Saudi universities applied electronic educational system that helps in solving many difficulties and problems that are considered to be shortfalls in the regularity system. Where electronic system doesn't demand regular attendance, and only demands attending laps and few lectures, that are held inside the university residence or one of its branches. The students can follow the recorded or tapped lectures that are electronically stored, and he can communicate with his professor through electronic mail, or forming discussion group on the internet. The electronic system of education was applied at some Saudi universities after the high ministry of education signed up an agreement with the Malaysian company (meteor) at the year 2006, to execute the first stage of founding the national center for electronic and distant education , that aims to be the center to contain the electronic and distant education for the foundations of university education, and unify the efforts of all foundations that aim to adopt the technics of that type of education. The contract covers the first stage of establishing of the project of the national center of electronic and distant education for the Saudi universities, and is executed on 3 main stages which are;

-Designing a management system.

-Training 1500 employees on the education managementsystem and more than 1000trainer on the electronic and distant education skills.

-building the electronic curriculum.

Electronic education is playing now an important role in the education process, the huge development in programming, computers and communication nets have an essential role in building up the concept of electronic education, which has shorten the distances and made it so easy to get the information.

The study problem;

- What is the reality of utilizing the electronic education in Al-Taifuniversity, the difficulties that are facing its use and the future expectations?
- To answer this main question we have to answer the brachial next questions:-

1-What is the reality of using the electronic education technics from the point of view of Al-Taif university professors?

2-what are the difficulties that are limiting the use of the electronic education from the professors point of view?

3-what do the students think about using the electronic education technics in the education process?

The importance of the study:

The theoretical and the practical in presenting the prototype of the electronic education:

1-The current research is trying to cope with the modern directions in building, development and utilizing the investment of the electronic and distant education technics to save training for human energies.

2-This research might be able to contribute in helping the people responsible for the electronic education in the university to add curriculums especial for the electronic education that fit with the nature of the modern age and what it witnesses from technical and informational progress.

3- Supporting and encouraging the professors in the university to use the electronic education and the modern technology in education. Due to its contribution in supporting some of the education strategies and solving the problems that the traditional high education system is suffering from, help and motivate the students to rely on himself and try the self- education.

The research aims are:

- 1- Identifying the electronic education.
- 2- Realizing the barriers that are facing the electronic education from the professors and the students point of views in Al-Taifuniversity.
- 3- Introducing some solutions and suggestions to improve through future vision and obtaining a high quality education.