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The Use of Gamification Elements in An Online Course to Increase Learner Engagement and Motivation

Abstract:

In the past ten years, online learning in postsecondary institutions have increased as a result of the institutions' desire to increase their revenue and provide students more flexibility to their course offerings (Allen & Seaman, 2015; Bell & Federman, 2013; Lee, Pate & Cozart, 2015). However, with the increase in enrollment, the 50% drop out rate for distance education courses has been a problem for postsecondary institutions (Lee, Pate, College & Cozart, 2015). In addition, numerous studies have pointed out that learner motivation and engagement may be significant factors related to drop out rates and online learning effectiveness (Abrami et al., 2011; Artino, 2009; Artino & Jones, 2012; Sancho-Vinuesa, Escudero-Viladoms, & Masià, 2013). Numerous approaches try to address learning motivation engagement through instructional strategies. Moreover, games have been used successfully in elementary, secondary and postsecondary education. More recently, gamification has been used successfully in education to increase learning and engagement. In this round table session, I will share and discuss my dissertation prospectus for my dissertation study on the use of gamification elements in an online course to increase learner engagement and motivation.

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