

Beyond the Buzz

Recent Research on Hot Topics in Online Learning and Quality Assurance

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What is it? What are your go-to sources?





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It's all about your purpose







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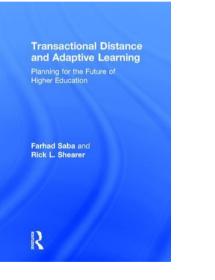
Research-related but not the whole story



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Beginning of a lit review



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• What would you stop to read?



• Why?



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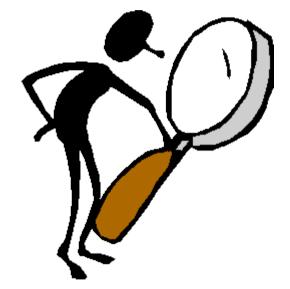
Studying our own contexts

- Interaction/communication in learning (18%)
- Instructional design (17%)
- Learner characteristics (16%)
- Distance teaching systems & institutions (9%)
- Educational technology (7%)
- Quality assurance (6%)





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- LO a basic assumption
- More sophisticated methods
- Pedagogy drives technology
- Constructivism/Col
- "Research" found in journals & profession media
- Accessibility & inclusivity increasing





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- Following HE lead
- Primarily studies in pre-service
- Increasing focus on design-related
- Focus on interaction moving deeper into learner engagement

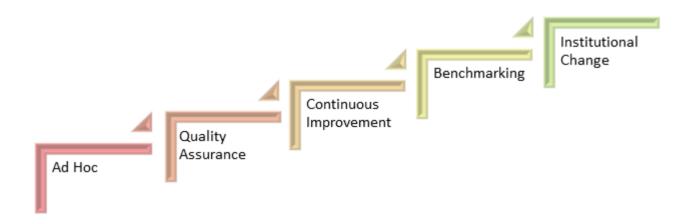
K-12 Themes

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It's complicated





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