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Ethical Issues of Online Teaching-Learning

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Abstract: Online teaching is a trend that has been increasing after the covid pandemic, Now it has been a part of learning in which educators and students feeling more convenient. At higher level many distance and open universities launched online courses for busy students who have not time even for scheduled contact programes, these online courses are quite beneficial for them. Online courses/ classes can often be more cost-effective than traditional classes and can be done at a pace the student is comfortable with. Although there are so many advantages of online teaching but at a distance the online teaching raises ethical issues also particularly to the distance context. The situation is more complex when teacher and student are unknown to each other, usually it happens in distance teaching-learning programs and u-tube classes where never happens any face to face interactions. Online teaching supports complex discourses and multiple relationships, they cross physical, cultural and linguistic boundaries. This paper will discuss on the major ethical issues related to teaching and learning. Ethical issues i.e. incompetency in digital teaching, Plagiarism in preparing digital content, Maintaining discipline in virtual learning, lack of motivation/reinforcement, Unstructured and inappropriate content, teachers dress code all these issues are related to educator. On other side students also face problems related to ethics as equity and diversity, surveillance and consent, assessment of learning outcomes etc..

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