

Trends in Student Enrollment and Experiences in a Collegiate Level Alternative Learning System: The Case of La Consolacion University Philippines's Night College

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Abstract

The study of student enrollment and retention can be linked to an assortment of reasons, particularly in an institutions' need to maintain resources (Tinto, 2007). The field has been constantly changing, with the inclusion of online learning systems in the literature. However, there is little or no research containing student enrollment patterns in alternative learning systems. Utilizing a descriptive research design with the use of a College Student Experiences Questionnaire and document analysis from pertinent offices, this study aimed to create a preliminary study of the trends in student enrollment and experiences in a collegiate-level alternative learning system. The results showed that there was a significant amount of attrition, however the student experiences were found to be optimistic. Several recommendations were made for further studies regarding the development of this research topic.

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