

Completion and attrition rates in distance and online education in the New Zealand tertiary education sector.

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This presentation will begin with a brief overview of the factors that are seen to impact on attrition and completion in distance education. Concerns and recent conclusions about attrition studies will be noted. New Zealand tertiary system data for attrition and completion rates from one year (2005) will be introduced. The data we present will be disaggregated by sub-sector, level of study, mode of study and (course) internet status. Points of interest will be highlighted and potential explanations and the questions that they raise will be discussed.