If you have been considering heading back to school to get that degree that you did not finish, you should look into eLearning, which offers you a new way to approach education. People who are introduced to online education are easily confused because it is a broad sector.

We have done the best we can to explain this newly emerging source of education on this page and have various links to the top Australian universities that offer online education. eLearning stands for Electronic Learning and it is defined as the method by which a student and a professor use online programs and technology to interact with each other. The main point is that there is no physical interaction.

  This term is use in a lot of different ways by many business sectors. For instance, companies describe eLearning as a way to train its employees through online courses. Universities utilize eLearning to encourage students who do not attend on-campus classes to become more involved in their class remotely through the Internet. This has only been possible recently with high speed Internet services becoming more normal and new technology to allow students to get the majority of their learning online.

In 2008, it is approximated that about 4.5 million students in universities and colleges in the US alone take advantage of online learning and that the eLearning industry is worth over US$100 billion. Online courses are rapidly being adopted by most higher education institutions worldwide.

Most online learning courses use a mixture of technologies, ranging from customer platforms, blogs, video-feed and virtual classrooms.

The benefit of eLearning is that it permits you to go to your classes at anytime and anywhere that is most convenient for you. The courses are taught and recorded according to a schedule but you are not required to view any live lectures.

You also are required to complete the traditional classroom assignments, lectures, coursework, and discussions but again all at your own discretion, anywhere you want and when you want to learn. You pretty much only need an internet connection to get access.

The quality of your education is still very top notch and the course content is exactly what students on-campus are given. The main advantage of eLearning is that you do not have to

travel to the college or university.