

# Virtual Teams and Distance Learning Technology: Bringing People Together

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## *Abstract*

Virtual teams are an excellent way to bring people together with varying expertise in different geographic locations. Organizations use virtual teams for problem solving, quality assurance, product development, information sharing, and a variety of team-oriented activities.

Due to this emerging trend, business education has a responsibility to ensure students are capable of performing effectively in this environment. This study seeks to (a) specifically address the virtual team experience of business students at a multicultural university and (b) the overall distance learning experience in preparation for the current and future workplace.

Studies support the need for business education to assess the business core curriculum of each discipline as it relates to potential business professionals meeting identified learner outcomes. These studies suggest a correlation of academic readiness and job satisfaction with respect to feedback from the labor market. Substantiating this outcome is a study conducted by Finnie (2001) that supports the assertion that direct career preparedness led to longevity in employment. The study profiled career outcomes of undergraduates over a two and five year span regarding their marketability in the workforce.

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