Diversity and Distance Learning

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Current Issues

• Declining enrollment
• Consolidation of programs
• Economic challenges
• Changing education culture
• Changing education clientele
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Expand how we traditionally think of and define diversity

• Non-traditional
• Gender
• Ethnicity

• Diversity of Learning Styles!
How do we capture those audiences?
Once we have them, what issues and needs might arise?
And how do we adapt to meet those needs?
Discussion – Capture and Serve

- Non-traditional
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Techno-level
- Learning styles