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Between 1995 and 1996, the world population of kindergarten through to higher education students grew from 919 millions to 1.13 billion. There are at least three typical global higher education student profiles. Distance education - the delivery of education courses from one location to students at another location - is an alternative way to reach many students within these profiles. Distance education has a different set of characteristics from that typical of place-bound education, and transnational education brings yet more features. Regardless of the ways in which education is delivered, its quality assurance and maintenance of standards is of paramount concern among many national and international institutions, organizations and private sector companies, and students. Organizations such as the Global Alliance for Transnational Education (GATE) provide a prototype for achieving such standards. (HRK / Abstract übernommen) Jones, Glenn R., Web page: [www.jonesinternational.edu](http://www.jonesinternational.edu)