



Quality Matters

Inter-Institutional Quality Assurance in Online Learning

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Welcome to Quality Matters

Quality Matters (QM) is a faculty-centered, peer review process designed to certify the quality of online courses and online components. Sponsored by MarylandOnline, Inc, Quality Matters has generated widespread interest and received national recognition for its peer-based approach to quality assurance and continuous improvement in online education. Originating from a FIPSE grant, Quality Matters is now a self-supporting organization offering institutional subscriptions and a range of fee-based services including Quality Matters-managed course reviews and an array of trainings.

News

Call for Webinar Proposals - Deadline is August 17th

QM will begin offering webinars with the following theme: "Using QM Outside the Box". For example, are you using QM in F2F classes? Integrating it with courses delivered through open-source software or social networking venues? Doing something else? If so, we want to hear about your ideas, challenges, and solutions! Send a one-page proposal that outlines the project, discusses the objectives, including what attendees will gain, and addresses the outcomes. Additional resources including PowerPoint slides, handouts, etc., can also be sent.

Use the following webinar guidelines to help you develop your proposal: 45 minute presentation, 10-15 minute Q&A, suggestions for polling questions and interactive activities.

If a proposal is accepted, the presenter will be offered a \$300 stipend to be paid at the conclusion of the webinar. The proposal submission deadline is Monday, August 17.

Contact QM Training Manager, Diane Jackson, at djackson@qualitymatters.org, for information or to submit a proposal.

Training & Events

Visit the [Training Page](#) to see a list of available training offerings. Follow the calendar links to register for courses.

Note: *Not all trainings are listed for the coming months. Check back periodically for added courses.*

Upcoming Events

Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2009
Apr 2009	May 2009	Jun 2009
Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Sep 2009
Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Dec 2009

QM Videos

[An invitation for faculty to be part of Quality Matters \(2 min.\)](#)

[QM - A Brief Explanation \(1.5 min\)](#)

Subscriptions

Information about QM [Subscription Options](#) Contact info@qualitymatters.org for up-to-date information.

Welcome to our new Subscribers! Find out if your institution has joined the rapidly expanding [QM Subscriber](#) community.

See if your [state](#) includes a QM-subscribing institution.

[Principles of a QM Institution](#) --Review a copy of the Underlying Principles of Quality Matters to understand the characteristics behind the QM project and to determine if your institution or organization is best suited to adopting the QM process.

QM Research Grants Awarded!

The Quality Matters Research Advisory and Academic Advisory Committees are pleased to announce funding for five research projects. The RFP generated an enthusiastic response with a total of twenty-six proposals submitted from sixteen states. Findings from the studies will be published in June 2010.

For a full description of each grant project awarded, please click [here](#).

New Fee Schedule--Effective Aug. 1, 2009.

Announcing the Quality Matters Implementation Plan! The Quality Matters Program is pleased to announce a new form of recognition for institutions or academic programs that are committed to the implementation of the Quality Matters Rubric across their online and/or hybrid courses.

If your institution or individual online/hybrid program is interested in exploring this option, click [here](#) for details. (You may also visit: <http://qminstitute.org/home/default.aspx> and find the documents there.) There is no cost to the subscribing institution for this process and recognition. Please contact Ron Legon, rlegon@qualitymatters.org for more information.

QM Recognized Courses The following courses have received the Quality Matters seal of recognition during the month of August 2009:

Capella University

MAT2001 - Statistics for Everyday Use

Allen Brown, *Faculty Developer*

HUM1000 - Intro to the Humanities

Jan Wentz, *Faculty Developer*

PS3200 - Intro to Emergency Management

John Padgett, *Faculty Developer*

Delgado Community College

CMIN211-2WA - Visual Basic I

Cheryl Brown, *Faculty Developer*

Prince George's Community College

CIS1010 - Computer Literacy

Barry Bugg, *Faculty Developer*

CIS1010 - Computer Literacy

Michael Smith, *Faculty Developer*

CIS1010H - Honors Computer Literacy

Raymond Vavrek, *Faculty Developer*

BIO1010 - General Biology

Cassandra Moore-Crawford,

Faculty Developer

BIO1110 - Environmental Biology

Mimi Bres, *Faculty Developer*

BIO2060 - Human Anatomy &

Physiology II

Alexander Imholtz, *Faculty Developer*

PSC1010 - Introductory Astronomy

Christopher Hunt, *Faculty Developer*

MAT1040 - Intermediate Algebra

Peggy Back, *Faculty Developer*

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Deborah Zankofsky, *Faculty Developer*

MAT1120 - Finite Math

Salil Das, *Faculty Developer*

MAT1350 - College Algebra

Maria Thoundayil, *Faculty Developer*

Texas Woman's University

FS5693 - Research Methods in Family Sciences

Katie Rose, *Faculty Developer*

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

MKT775 - Database Marketing

Jimmy Peltier, *Faculty Developer*

You may see the entire list of QM recognized courses by visiting our [Course Reviews Page](#).

Research Update! Review the latest [research](#) in support of the Quality Matters Rubric standards.

QM Rubric 2008-2010 edition

Get the latest QM news by visiting our [Blog!](#) This can be found within the [QM Institute](#), our web portal designed to link QM with subscribers and various working partners.

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