

eQuality Essentials

eQuality Essentials comprises two online courses designed to help graduate students create high quality online courses. Participants take the courses as a cohort, creating a community of learners who continue to work together and support one another. A faculty member experienced in online teaching facilitates the courses, which are offered in Sakai. Individuals who want to create new online courses or redesign online courses they have taught are eligible to participate; no online teaching experience is required.

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Course Goals

- Experience learning in an online environment
- Learn accepted quality standards and apply them to your online course
- Gain experience with the technologies available at UNC that facilitate good online teaching
- Understand how and why effective online teaching differs from effective face-to-face teaching

Course 1: Communication & Content

- Create a welcome page and instructor profile
- Analyze examples of syllabi
- Write discussion forum questions using strategic questioning

Course 2: Assignments & Assessment

- Define what assessment and evaluation are and why they are important
- Understand the connection between assessment and learning
- Create student assignments for one or more modules

2011-12 Courses

Course 1: September 12, 2011

Course 2: January 17, 2012

Course 2 is a continuation of the first course; please plan on taking both courses.

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Teaching online requires a greater emphasis on content delivery. Thinking through a course you've taught face to face, and considering how to restructure the material and package the content, are important for a successful online course.

In the eQuality Essentials courses, you'll learn some principles of online course design and interact with colleagues from across campus.

Evelyn Daniels, Course Instructor
School of Information and Library Science

The eQuality Essentials courses helped me re-conceptualize content, develop concrete strategies, and create a more interactive learning environment for students.

Susan Brunssen, Participant
School of Nursing

This is the course for helping to organize you as you plan a new course or revise an existing one—great instruction and wonderful support from the instructors and peers.

Sadye Errickson, Participant
Allied Health Sciences