

GRCC DISTANCE LEARNING STANDARDS

I. Policy Section

7.0 Instruction

II. Policy Subsection

7.2 GRCC Distance Learning Standards

III. Policy Statement

All distance learning courses will adhere to the [Quality Matters Higher Education Standards](#)

IV. Reason for the Policy

This policy was necessitated by HLC requirements and recommendations, GRCC's 2014 AQIP Quality Check-up, and the need for institutional Distance Learning Standards.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Faculty, Staff, and Students

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

Faculty, Staff, and Students

VII. Related Documents

Specific Review Standards from the [QM Higher Education Rubric, Sixth Edition](#) (as revised).

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: Executive Director of Distance Learning and Instructional Technologies, Distance Learning Faculty Advisory Board (subcommittee of AGC)

IX. Definitions

A. Distance Learning - Courses wherein the student and the faculty member are separated by time and/or space, generally delivered via some form of technology.*

* Source: Faculty Association Contract, Article 6.H.

X. Procedures

The approved Distance Learning Standards will be utilized:

- A. in GRCC's Online and Hybrid Certification Course (OHCC) course.
 - B. in the Online Course Development and Review process.
 - C. in the development and assessment of online courses.
 - D. by faculty as a tool for self-assessment of distance learning courses.
- Procedures for the implementation of these standards will be outlined in each of the above processes.

XI. Forms

N/A

XII. Effective Date

Fall 2015

XIII. Policy History

Approved by AGC April 2015
Revised by AGC February 2019
Revised by AGC November 2021

XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

2023-2024