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PROGRAM INFORMATION

FEATURES OF QUALITY COURSE RECOGNITION

QCR is more than a simple “yes or no” course review

The QCR program is not a simple review of the course and decision of whether or not it should be recognized. Rather, it is an iterative approach in which professional course reviewers conduct a complete review, present the schools with a list of deficiencies - if any, provide suggestions of good practice to remedy the deficiencies, then conduct a second iteration of the review after the enhancements are made. The QCR is about more than a seal of approval, it is a quality improvement process.

QCR is a self study process, not merely a grading rubric

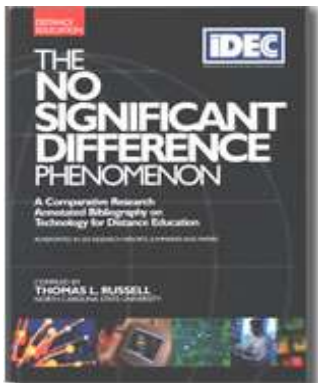
The QCR program does not measure course quality by a list of briefly defined topics in a concise rubric, rather it is a detailed self study process in which the school provides documentation of the level of quality of a course. Since this process is modeled after the self study process used by regional accrediting bodies, they are more accustomed to interpreting the results of this approach to course review. The QCR self study process is based on the IDECC Standards which have been used for course reviews since the year 2000.

QCR provides an archive of course improvement for accreditation purposes

The QCR program not only provides a review of the course, but it also archives all activity which occurred during this course review through the QCR Course Review Management System. This archival of activity is a valuable asset when a program is being considered for regional accreditation or renewal. Through using the QCR Course Review Management System schools will be able to demonstrate and document the iterative process they underwent to ensure quality in their distance learning courses.

QUICK FACTS

- There are currently 1077 ARELLO/IDECC certified courses by 218 education providers located throughout the U.S. and Canada.
- 60% of courses approved by IDECC’s process make changes to the course through the iterative process prior to the course being recognized.
- IDECC is the publisher of The No Significant Difference Phenomenon. This book is probably the most quoted resource in the justification for distance education.



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