

INFORMATION ABOUT QUALITY MATTERS (QM) & OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVING ONLINE TEACHING

1. What are the potential Quality Matters (QM) courses available?

Quality Matters offers a variety of courses. Our Center for Academic Technology identified several QM courses that can help directly with online teaching.

Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) course offered by QM will be accepted by our Center for Academic Technology with Certification Method 3. Quality Assurance Demonstration Checklist/Current Course Evaluation will be part of the requirements to teach Distance Education at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Faculty must provide APPQMR Certification of completion to CAT Director Dr. Rolando R. Garza at rolando.garza@tamuk.edu and CAT Instructional Designer III – Dr. Mariya Pachman at mariya.pachman@tamuk.edu.

We can **cover the course registration fees for the following four courses**. If you would like to take other courses offered by QM, please contact Mrs. Yi Ren (Yi.Ren@tamuk.edu) before registering for the courses. You can find the complete list of the QM courses from this website: <https://www.qualitymatters.org/index.php/professional-development/workshops>

Advanced Level:

Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) <https://www.qualitymatters.org/professional-development/workshops/higher-ed-appqmr>

Higher Ed Peer Reviewer Course (PRC): <https://www.qualitymatters.org/professional-development/courses/higher-ed-prc>

Middle Level:

Designing Your Online Course (DYOC) <https://www.qualitymatters.org/professional-development/workshops/higher-ed-dyoc>

Entry Level:

Teaching Online: An Introduction to Online Delivery (TOL)
<https://www.qualitymatters.org/professional-development/workshops/higher-ed-tol>

2. How to become a Quality Matters (QM) certified Higher Ed Peer Reviewer?

First, you need to complete the Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) course: <https://www.qualitymatters.org/professional-development/workshops/higher-ed-appqmr>

Second, you need to complete the Peer Reviewer Course (PRC): <https://www.qualitymatters.org/professional-development/courses/higher-ed-prc>

Third, you need to have online teaching experience in a for-credit course or experience designing online courses within the last 18 months. Please note that your online course does NOT need to be QM certified, and TAMUK has a current QM membership.

Last, you can submit the peer reviewer role application.

We will cover the cost of the QM courses to help you become a QM-certified Higher Ed Peer Reviewer.

This webpage has more detailed information about how to become a Higher Ed QM Peer Reviewer: <https://www.qualitymatters.org/qm-membership/faqs/higher-ed-peer-reviewer-steps>

This webpage has more detailed information about QM-certified Reviewer: <https://www.qualitymatters.org/qm-membership/faqs/qm-reviewer-eligibility-requirements>

3. How to get your online course certified by QM?

If your online course is certified by QM, you will be allowed to add a QM logo to your course. In addition, your course will be added to the list of nationwide QM-certified courses (<https://www.qualitymatters.org/reviews-certifications/qm-certified-courses>).

If you are interested in getting your online course(s) certified by QM, we will provide a \$750 stipend for each online course certified by QM and cover the QM course certification fee (\$1300/course).

Here are the detailed procedures for getting a course certified by QM, which is a rigid process:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17k4Y1OylOx0tl-DYmKFFNHEfLYLuPqIoMgdKZAKB7PA/edit>

If you have any questions about getting your courses certified by QM, please contact Dr. Hua Li (hua.li@tamuk.edu).

4. Mini Grants for Improving the Quality of Online Teaching and Learning at TAMUK

If you need software or hardware to improve the quality of online teaching and learning, we can provide some funds (up to \$5,000) to support you purchase necessary software and hardware. **Please contact Dr. Kai Jin (Kai.Jin@tamuk.edu) if you are interested in applying for the funds.**