

# 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