Online Sessions @ Faculty Institute; Online Course Approvals

Featured Faculty Institute Presenter

*We strongly recommend that each online program send at least one person* to this featured online learning session at Faculty Institute on August 16 & 17:

**Smooth Seas or Tsunamis? What Lies Ahead for Distance Education?** - Presenter: M. Lambert

*Session 1: Room 6: August 16, 10:00-11:10 am*

Michael Lambert is executive director of the Distance Education and Training Council, and a well-experienced accrediting association leader with more than four decades of experience in distance education. He will examine the current regulatory, technological, demographic and market-driven influences on the direction that distance and online learning is taking. From once being considered the "crab grass on the lawn of the academy" when it was known as correspondence instruction, modern distance learning--with its incredible student growth and innovative use of every new technology that pops up--is literally transforming the face of higher education on a daily basis. It has now become an absolutely essential tool for the survival of nearly every higher education institution. Lambert will discuss where DE is now and where it seems to be headed, as well as looking at the "darker side" and pitfalls of the method.

Don't forget the other sessions from our department as well:

- Blended Learning, Flipped Classrooms, and Creative Scheduling
- Building Community with Online Interaction
- Designing Interactive Discussions Online
- Gradebooks, Quizzes, Rubrics, and Other Assessment Tools
- Moodle 101: Beginner's Hands-on Workshop
- Structuring Synchronous Online Learning Experiences
- Teaching Through Videos: Ideas and How-Tos
- What's New with Moodle?
- Using a Wiki to Promote Collaboration and Critical Thinking
- Using Turnitin and Assignment Design to Prevent Plagiarism
Reminder: Online Course Approval Forms for Fall Online Courses Due August 20

As you may know, our HLC accreditation now requires us to have all online courses approved before they are taught. We are now starting on Fall 2012 courses.

Step 1. Submit the [Online Course Approval Form](#) for each unapproved course by August 20.

- Signatures can be obtained within your school and represented by typing the name of the department chair and dean on the form.
- If you need sample online wording for your syllabus, see this [sample online syllabus](#).

Step 2. The Online Course Approvals Committee will review it. If changes to your course are required, we will be in communication with you and will assist where possible with the changes.

Step 3. After any recommended changes are in place and approved, we will send an approval letter to you, your department chair, and your dean.

If you are unsure if your course needs approval or not, please email [janine@andrews.edu](mailto:janine@andrews.edu) or call (269) 471-6546.

**Questions?**
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*Note: This is email list is for Andrews faculty who are teaching online.*