



Quality Matters: Inter-Institutional Quality Assurance in Online Learning

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Partners:

- **MarylandOnline Community Colleges:** Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Chesapeake, College of Southern Maryland, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Wor-Wic
- **MarylandOnline Senior Institutions:** Capitol College, Morgan State University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland University College, Villa Julie College
- **External Partners:** Florida Community College of Jacksonville, Kentucky Virtual University, Michigan Virtual Community College Consortium, Portland Community College, Raritan Valley Community College, Sloan Consortium, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Towson University, Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications (WCET)

Key Outcomes:

- Develop agreements among partner institutions leading to a replicable pathway for inter-institutional quality assurance (QA) and online course improvement.
- Implement a faculty-centered, peer review-based, consortium-wide process to certify the quality of online courses and of online components.
- Create F2F and online training for faculty participants.
- Engage chief academic officers and faculty to assure that participating institutions give sufficient priority to implement and sustain the shared QA process.
- Expand resource sharing and increase the number of articulation agreements among partner institutions.

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