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Standards

Course Overview and Introduction	 1.1 T Instructions make clear to students how to get started and where to find various course components. 1.2 C Learners are introduced to the purpose and structure of the course. 1.3 T Minimum technical skills expected of the student are stated clearly. 	3 3 3
Learning Objectives (Competencies)	 2.1 C* Course-level learning objectives or competencies are measurable and describe what students can expect to learn as a result of successfully completing the course. <i>Alignment</i> 2.2 C* The module/unit-level objectives or competencies describe outcomes that are measurable and consistent with the course-level objectives. <i>Alignment</i> 2.3 C* The learning objectives or competencies are aligned with state standards and/or other accepted content standards. 2.4 C Learning objectives or competencies are appropriately designed for the target student audience and written from the students' perspective. 2.5 C The relationship between learning objectives or competencies and course activities is clearly stated. 	3 3 3 3 2
Assessment and Measurement	 3.1 C* The types of assessments in the course measure the stated learning objectives or competencies, and are consistent with course activities and resources. <i>Alignment</i> 3.2 C Specific and descriptive criteria are provided for the evaluation of students' work and assist the instructor in determining the level of achievement of learning objectives and competencies. 3.3 C Assessment strategies provide students with opportunities to self-reflect on their progress towards meeting course requirements and mastering learning objectives or competencies. 3.4 C Multiple methods of assessment strategies are included based on the specified learning objectives or competencies and student need. 	3 3 3 2
Instructional Materials	 41 C* The instructional materials contribute to the achievement of the stated course and module/unit-level learning objectives or competencies. <i>Alignment</i> 4.2 C Instructional materials are integrated within the context of each lesson and their intended use is clear. 4.3 C The course content is appropriate to the reading level of the intended students. 4.4 C The instructional materials have sufficient breadth, depth, and currency. 4.5 C All instructional materials used in the course are appropriately cited. 4.6 C The course content is culturally diverse and bias free. 4.7 C The course is free of adult content and avoids unnecessary advertisements. 	3 3 3 2 1 1
Course Activities and Learner Interaction	 5.1 C* The learning activities promote the achievement of the stated learning objectives or competencies. <i>Alignment</i> 5.2 C Learning activities provide opportunities for learner-content interaction. 5.3 T The course provides opportunities for learner-instructor and learner-learner interaction. 	3 3 3
Course Technology	 6.1 C* Course tools support the learning objectives or competencies. Alignment 6.2 T Course tools facilitate student engagement and promote active learning. 6.3 T Technologies required in the course are readily obtainable. 6.4 T Course tools and technologies are current. 6.5 T The course takes advantage of technologies and tools that protect student privacy and maintain confidentiality of student information. 6.6 T The course allows the instructor to select and sequence the assessments provided. 6.7 T The course provides the necessary technical supports to score and record assessments, and calculate earned course points or grades. 6.8 T The instructor is able to control the release of course content. 6.9 T The instructor is able to add content to the publisher course. 	3 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3
Learner and Instructor Support	 7.1 T The publisher provides technical support resources for students and instructors. 7.2 T The publisher provides academic support resources for students. 7.3 T The publisher provides instructor support resources to promote effective course facilitation. 	3 2 2
Accessibility and Usability**	 8.1 T Navigation throughout the course is logical, consistent, efficient, and intuitive. 8.2 T Information is provided about the accessibility of all technologies required in the course and guidance is provided for any accommodations needed. 8.3 C The course provides alternative formats of course materials that meet the needs of diverse learners in order to accommodate alternative means of access. 8.4 T The course design facilitates readability. 8.5 T Course multimedia facilitate ease of use. 	3 3 3 2 2

*Essential Standard (must be met in order for the course to meet Standards overall).

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