Using QM to Further Encourage Ownership through Student Orientation

Course Overview Introduction	
<i>Quality Matters Standards</i> 1.2 Learners are introduced to the purpose and structure of the course.	 Online Student Onboarding Homepage explains purpose of orientation. Welcome video from director. Module overview pages explain the purpose of each module.
1.4 Course and/or institutional policies with which the learner is expected to comply are clearly stated, or a link to current policies is provided.	Academic Support Module
1.5 Minimum technology requirements are clearly stated and instructions for use provided.	Technology Module
Learning Objectives	
Quality Matters Standards	Online Student Onboarding
2.3 All learning objectives or competencies are stated clearly and written from the learner's perspective.	 Module overview pages contain module-level objectives written in student-friendly language.
2.5 The learning objectives or competencies are suited to the level of the course.	 Module objectives are appropriate for an online-student, self-paced orientation.
Instructional Materials	
Quality Matters Standards	Online Student Onboarding
4.1 The instructional materials contribute to achieving the stated course and module/unit learning objectives or competencies.	 Offers students a vast array of key topics to help them better navigate all facets of online education.
4.4 The instructional materials are current.	 Strategically updated to reflect ongoing availability of support.
4.5 A variety of instructional materials is used in the course.	 Various forms of instructional media used to enhance the onboarding experience - video, audio, widgets, quizzes, etc.

Course Technology

Quality Matters Standards	Online Student Onboarding
6.2 Course tools promote learner engagement and active learning.	 Content structure, periodic quizzing, videos, and related images.
6.3 Technologies required in the course are readily obtainable.	 Before starting classes, students are made aware of necessary technologies and linked to support resources.
6.4 The course technologies are current.	 Technology used to develop and maintain the onboarding resource is similar to online courses and other common tools used by online students.

Learner Support

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Specific Standards 7.1 The course instructions articulate or link to a clear description of the technical support offered and how to obtain it.	 Online Student Onboarding Linked access to several technical support services offered through IU, e.g.: university tech support, local and department tech support.
7.2 Course instructions articulate or link to the institution's accessibility policies and services.	 ADA policies, support services, and links are made available via the Student Support module.
7.3 Course instructions articulate or link to an explanation of how the institution's academic support services and resources can help learners succeed in the course, and how learners can obtain them.	 Success coaching and academic advising tailored to challenges and demands of studying online education.
7.4 Course instructions articulate or link to an explanation of how the institution's student services and resources can help learners succeed, and how learners can obtain them.	 Linked access to resources such as online math and writing tutorial services.
Accessibility and Usability	
Specific Standards 8.1 Course navigation facilitates ease of use.	 Online Student Onboarding Navigation buttons and section dividers throughout the onboarding resource.

8.3 The course provides alternative means of access to course materials in formats that meet the needs of diverse learners.	 CSS web content designed to be ADA accessible, properly viewed through screen readers, and mobile friendly.
8.4 The course design facilitates readability.	 CSS web content designed to be ADA accessible, properly viewed through screen readers, and mobile friendly.
8.5 Course multimedia facilitate ease of use.	• Graphics, videos, applets, and strategic text layout all contribute to ease of use in the IU Online Student Onboarding site.