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Highlights

Congratulations to Diane Hallberg for her successful review of BIOL2003, Nutrition and Health.

Congratulations to the following HTC faculty for completing QM courses:
Jenessas Gerling—Master Reviewer course. HTC now boasts three QM-certified Master Reviewers!
Cyndy Gribas – Peer Review Course
Joan Kieren—APPQMR
Joan Waller—Improve Your Online Course

Karen LaPlant and Jane Sprangers gave presentations at the 6th Annual QM Conference in Baltimore. Both were well-received. Ask them to share their experiences!

Top "Take-Aways" From My Course Review

By Diane Hallberg

- #1—A clear, detailed syllabus is half the battle.
- #2- Communication among the Review Team members is crucial.
- #3-Keep an open mind regarding Review Team recommendations. Although it may seem like "nit-picking", the reviewers try to present options to improve your course.
- #4-You WILL have ample time to make corrections/changes to your course (if needed).
- #5 Designing and developing a quality course is time consuming. Try not to get offended if Review team members cannot "find" something within the course. This might mean that students will have trouble finding it as well!
- #6-Most of all, have fun with course development. Once you have completed one successful review, the next one goes more smoothly. Even though you might feel like it is too much work to go through again, the second time around is much easier.



Check This Out

QM announces "QM Success Stories" webinars. These one-hour webinars are offered free of charge for QM subscribers. Webinars offer opportunities for users to share their experiences with creating QM implementation plans at institutions and designing courses that have met QM standards.

Additional information and instructions for registration may be found on the [QMwebsite](#).

HTC Hosts APPQMR

A one-day APPQMR workshop will be hosted by HTC on November 14, 2014. This is the flagship workshop for Quality Matters and is the required first step in the HTC process to achieve formal QM certification for your course. There are some funds available to defray the cost of this workshop. Please contact Karen LaPlant for details *prior* to registering. Registration is through the MOQI website.

Free Rubric Update Course Available

The 5th edition of the QM Higher Education rubric was released August 1, 2014. Current Peer Reviewers *must* successfully complete a Rubric Update course by November 30, 2014 to maintain their Peer Reviewer eligibility. It is estimated that 2-4 hours will be required to complete this self-paced, online course. The update course is FREE for subscribers! Any Peer Reviewer who does not successfully complete the required Rubric Update by November 30, 2014 will be required to reapply to become a peer reviewer and will need to meet current requirements of the role, including but not limited to, additional professional development. Go to MyQM > Higher Education > Workshop-Register > Rubric Update to register.

For More Information

D2L site — [Quality Matters at HTC](#)

[Minnesota Online Quality Initiative \(MOQI\) website](#)

[Quality Matters website](#)

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It's never too early to start thinking about the 7th Annual QM Conference! It will be held in San Antonio, Texas in November!

Image from San Antonio, Texas