

MEET THE ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK

What is it?

The Online Learning Excellence Framework is a practical, researched-based guide created to help UNM faculty design effective, engaging online Courses and improve learner experiences.

Key Features:

- ***Faculty-Driven Development and Continuous Improvement:***

Working closely with faculty users and student feedback, the framework was substantively redesigned in 2024. This included a comprehensive literature review, student and faculty surveys, user testing, and a review of peer models to ensure its relevance in today's online education environment.

- ***Compliance and Standards:***

The framework aligns with Higher Learning Commission requirements for distance education and UNM's NC-SARA obligations, allowing UNM to offer online courses nationwide. Moreover, it anticipates forthcoming updates to Department of Justice and Title II language that improves accessibility in digital content spaces.

How it helps you:

- ***Foundational Elements:***

Get started by exploring our foundational course design recommendations, which include research-backed rationales, reflection questions, and practical strategies.

- ***Advanced Strategies:***

For those with online teaching experience, explore the advanced strategies to enhance course design and improve student engagement.

Get started today:

- ***Review the Foundational Elements:***

Start by exploring the foundational components of the framework. These include key aspects of course design that can be planned before the class begins.

- ***Implement One New Strategy:***

Choose one new advanced strategy from the framework and apply it to an upcoming course module to see benefits in student engagement and course quality.

- ***Join the Conversation:***

Reach out to your college's OCAC representative or CTL for consultations, resources, or to provide feedback on how we can continue improving online education at UNM.

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