

Interregional Guidelines, Accreditation, and Compliance





Middle States Standards

- Standard I: Mission and Goals
- Standard II: Ethics and Integrity
- Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience
- Standard IV: Support of the Student Experience
- Standard V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment
- Standard VI: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement
- Standard VII: Governance, Leadership, and Administration





Nine Hallmarks of Quality

- 1. Online learning is appropriate to the institution's mission and purposes
- 2. The institution's plans for developing, sustaining, and, if appropriate, expanding online offerings, are integrated into its regular planning and evaluation processes
- 3. Online learning is incorporated into the institution's systems of governance and academic oversight
- 4. Curricula for the institution's online learning offerings are coherent, cohesive, and comparable in academic rigor to programs offered in traditional instructional formats
- 5. The institution evaluates the effectiveness of its online offerings, including the extent to which the online learning goals are achieved, and uses the results of its evaluations to enhance the attainment of the goals
- 6. Faculty responsible for delivering online learning curricula and evaluating the students' success in achieving the online learning goals are appropriately qualified and effectively supported
- 7. The institution provides effective student and academic services to support students enrolled in online learning offerings
- 8. The institution provides sufficient resources to support and, if appropriate, expand its online learning offerings
- 9. The institution assures the integrity of its online learning offerings





Compliant Policies and Processes

- Current + New*
 - Student identity verification for Distance Education
 - Credit hour
 - Title IV program responsibilities
 - Transfer of credit policies and articulation agreements
 - Required information for students and public*
 - Standing with state and other accrediting agencies*
 - Complaint procedures*
 - Contractual relationships*
- Distance Education
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State Authorization

- State-by-state
- SARA

- Experiential activities
- Other activities

