Recommended Competencies for Online Instructors

The following recommendations were developed by the Office of Teaching & Learning and the DU Distance Learning Council to be used as a reference for departments and instructors considering online delivery.

- Regular access to a computer with high speed Internet access.

- Demonstrates competency with a Learning Management System (e.g., Blackboard, eCollege).

- Comfortable with the use of technology & willingness to learn new technologies.

- Prior experience teaching online or willingness to participate in professional development activities about online teaching.

- Comfortable communicating online and in writing.

- Awareness of the possibilities and benefits of online learning.

- Openness to exploring and using active and student centered teaching and learning methods.

- Willingness to take an active role in facilitating and moderating online discussions.

- Ability to respond to student questions promptly and provide students with feedback in a timely manner.

- Recognition that online course development and instruction requires a high-level of organization and a different method of delivery than traditional classroom instruction.

- Capable of developing and delivering high quality education and instruction in an asynchronous manner. For example: no face to face or real time interaction with students.