

# DSC-QM Peer Review Process

## Key Terms Defined

**Amendment Form** – The Course Representative (CR) will make all necessary revisions to a course after the review period, then complete and submit the amendment form detailing the changes that occurred for each standard. The [amendment form](#) is in the CRMS.

**Course Representative (CR)** – This individual will participate in the course review process and should be someone with working knowledge of the course. The Course Representative will also be responsible for facilitating changes to the course and answering questions related to it. In official reviews, this individual's name will appear with the institution name, course name and number in the QM online Registry of Certified Courses.

**Course Review Checklist** – The course review checklist will allow the Course Representative (CR) and the Department Chair to review specific QM standards (2.1,2.2, 3.1, 4.1) and make other important decisions prior to the initial meeting with the QMC.

**Course Review Management System (CRMS)** – Quality Matters portal for course Reviews.

**Course Review Worksheet** - The Course Representative (CR) uses the Course Worksheet to provide general information about the course for the review team to use as they are reviewing a course. Several Rubric Standards also contain annotations that direct reviewers to look for information supplied in this Worksheet.

**Design Team** – The design team collaborates to revise a course that has undergone the internal DSC QM peer review process. A team of three appointed by the Dean of Online Studies tasked with collaborating to revise a course following an internal review at the college. The team includes the Course Representative (CR), an Instructional Designer (ID), and Peer Reviewers (PR). This team is unique to DSC (Daytona State College).

**FloridaShines High Quality (HQ) Indicator** - [Florida Online Course Design Quality](#) reviews can result in a High Quality (HQ) designation. This designation results from a course being reviewed by three trained reviewers, meeting all QM essential standards, **receiving at least 85% of the available points on the QM Rubric**, and providing alternative means of access to course materials in formats that meet the needs of diverse learners.

**FloridaShines Quality (Q) Indicator** - [Florida Online Course Design Quality](#) reviews can result in a Quality (Q). This designation results from a course being reviewed by two trained reviewers, meeting **all QM essential standards**, and providing alternative means of access to course materials in formats that meet the needs of diverse learners.

**Peer Reviewer Chair (PRC)** – The Peer Reviewer Chair (PRC) manages the review process and provides guidance on the interpretation of the Rubric Specific Review Standards. The Peer Reviewer Chair (PRC) completes all the responsibilities and expectations of a Peer Reviewer (PR), additionally, they: initiate contact with the review team, convene a pre-review conference call, coach team, review report, convene post-review conference call, submit final report, remind team to complete post review survey, and approve amendments (if applicable).

**Outcome Response Form** – The Course Representative (CR) will receive an email notification with the course review results. The Course Representative (CR) will review the final report, which includes helpful recommendations from the Peer Reviewers. The Course Representative (CR) will then complete and submit the Outcome Response form and select the option stating that the necessary improvements will be made to the course within the allocated time. This [outcome response form](#) is in the CRMS.

**Peer Reviewer (PR)** – The Peer Reviewer (PR) is a member of the review team and is responsible for the following: participate in a pre-review conference call, solve technical issues immediately, observe confidentiality and intellectual property rights, communicate with review team, advocate for the student point of view, complete individual review, participate in a post-review conference call. Serves on the Design Team.

**Quality Matters (QM)** – An international, U.S.-based, non-profit organization specializing in standards, processes, and professional development for quality assurance in online and hybrid learning.

**QM Coordinator (QMC)** – The Dean of Online Studies; responsible for coordinating all components of the Peer Review Process, ensuring that all stakeholders are trained and prepared to participate in the Peer Review process, and is the liaison between Quality Matters and Daytona State College.

**QM Essential Standards** – Twenty-two (22) out of the 44 standards from the Quality Matters Rubric deemed essential to course design. Meeting the Essential QM standards will equate to a course design receiving a score of at least 86/101 points on the QM Rubric.

**Review Team** – Two QM-Certified Peer Reviewers (faculty) responsible for reviewing online courses at the college during the internal review process; one peer reviewer will serve as the Peer Reviewer Chair (PRC). One Instructional Designer (ID) will complete the accessibility review (Standard 8) and provide support for the review.