

Tech Snacks: Quality Matters (QM)

The demand for online education has been growing for several years. With that demand comes a greater responsibility to ensure quality online courses that are accessible to all types of students across all disciplines and modalities. OTLE recently signed MSUN up for an institutional membership for Quality Matters, which will benefit all instructors.

What is Quality Matters & what do they offer?

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization that provides educators various services to help ensure quality online education. These services include online workshops, courses, and conferences. QM also offers a robust course review process.

Online Workshops & Courses

QM offers a wide variety of workshops that focus on helping educators grow their expertise with online learning and course design. Some of the topics include: accessibility, applying the QM rubric, Universal Design for Learning, course alignment, and building course maps.

For a full list of available workshops and courses, access [the Higher Ed schedule](#).

Webinars

Through MSUN's institutional membership, QM members can access free webinars on various education-related topics including Online Learning and Research.

For a full list of available webinars, access [the Webinar Schedule](#).

Course Reviews

QM offers a robust Course Review process. Through MSUN's institutional membership, members can access the detailed QM Rubric to conduct their own internal review. Reviews can provide instructors benchmarks, areas for improvement, and can ultimately lead to QM Certification.

How can faculty use Quality Matters?

All faculty members at MSUN can create an account with MSUN's institutional membership. Many faculty members already have existing QM accounts, and those accounts can be affiliated with the institutional membership (if they are not already). Faculty can utilize the resources offered as professional development opportunities.

Professional Development

Faculty interested in additional professional development opportunities can participate in QM workshops and courses to include in their promotion & tenure portfolios.

For a full list of membership prices, access the [Quality Matters Fees Overview](#).

Perkins

Faculty may be able to apply for Perkins Grant funding to pay for workshops. Contact Lindsey Brandt-Bennett for more information.

QM Voucher

MSUN has a \$500 voucher after signing up for an institutional membership. The voucher can be used to pay for workshops/courses on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in taking a course or participating in a workshop, contact OTLE.