



The eTC Accelerated Track

Description

The **eTC Accelerated Track** is designed to allow experienced online instructors to assess out of the six-week eLearning Training Course (eTC). Instructor must show evidence of his/her mastery in online course design and delivery according to effective practices in online education to be considered for the assessing out process. Instructional strategies used in their online course should demonstrate evidence of student engagement, authentic assessments that align with learning outcomes, student collaboration, and interaction with content and the instructor. Candidates will be given three weeks to complete the eTC Accelerated Track.

Eligible Candidates

An eligible instructor for the eTC Accelerated Track is one who has taught a fully online course:

- 1) at a regionally accredited higher education institution
- 2) for three consecutive semesters
- 3) within the past three years.

All three criteria must be met to be eligible for the eTC Accelerated Track.

Requirements

To be considered for enrollment in the eTC Accelerated Track, a candidate will complete the [Online Faculty Prior Experience Questionnaire](#).

Decision for enrollment in the eTC Accelerated Track will be communicated within two weeks of questionnaire submission.

If enrollment is granted, a candidate will receive an email notifying him/her of enrollment in the eTC Accelerated Track and an assigned Blackboard sandbox.

During the three weeks of enrollment, a candidate must successfully complete the following activities/assignments in an assigned Blackboard sandbox:

1. Upload a finished version of the online course syllabus he/she will be teaching
2. Meet with an eLearning instructional designer
3. Complete the Compliance Module
4. Build his/her online course modules/units/lessons in Blackboard that include:

- Start Here/Welcome to Course/Orientation
- Introductory Video
- All content and resources for the first two weeks of the course (i.e. overview, learning objectives, content materials such as presentations, videos, podcasts, assigned readings, websites, etc.)
- One method of communication/interaction with students (i.e. discussions, blogs, wikis, journals, announcements, group work, etc.)
- One method of assessment (i.e. assignments, quizzes, surveys, papers, projects, etc.)

Endorsement to Teach Online

A candidate who successfully completes the eTC Accelerated Track is endorsed to teach online at the University of Mississippi.