



## WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies

*Guidelines for the Review and Evaluation of Distance Education  
Links to Guidelines and Policy Statements from the Regional Accrediting Commissions*

[wcet.wiche.edu/advance/resources](http://wcet.wiche.edu/advance/resources)

### **The Higher Learning Commission**

[Substantive Change Application: Distance Delivery \(August 2011\)](#)

### **Middle States Commission on Higher Education**

[Distance Education Programs. Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education \(Online Learning\) \(February 2011\)](#)

[Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education: Requirements of Affiliation and Standards for Accreditation \(Revised March 2011 to reflect the new distance education and correspondence education requirements of the HEOA of 2008\)](#)

[Team Visits: Conducting and Hosting an Evaluation Visit \(revised September 2009\) \(see pp. 80-83\)](#)

### **New England Association of Schools and Colleges - Commission on Institutions of Higher Education**

[Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education \(On-line Learning\) \(July 2009\)](#)

[Policy on the Review of Electronically Offered Degree Programs \(July 2009\)](#)

[Guidelines for the Review of Off-Campus and Distance Education Programming during a Comprehensive Evaluation \(July 2009\)](#)

[Guidelines for Preparing Substantive Change Reports on the Establishment of Academic Programming Offered through Distance Education \(August 2011\)](#)

[Policy on Student Verification and Transfer of Credit \(April 2010\)](#)

### **Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities**

[Standards for Accreditation \(2010\)](#)



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### **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges**

[Distance and Correspondence Education. Policy Statement. \(June 2010\)](#)

[Best Practices for Electronically Offered Degree and Certificate Programs \(2000\)](#)

### **Western Association of Schools and Colleges**

#### **Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges**

[Guide to Evaluating Distance Education and Correspondence Education \(June 2011\)](#)

### **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)**

#### **Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities**

[Protocol for the Review of Distance and Correspondence Education Programs. \(March 2010\)](#)

[Team Report Appendix: Distance Education Summary \(February 2010\)](#)

[Substantive Change Manual. A Guide to Substantive Change Policies and Procedures \(2010\) \(see pp. 6-7\)](#)

### **Additional Resources from the**

#### **WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)**

[Best Practice Strategies to Promote Academic Integrity in Online Education, Version 2.0, WCET, UT TeleCampus, and ITC \(June 2009\)](#)