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Penn State QM Users Newsletter

QM INITIATIVES

NEW QM RUBRIC!

In the summer of 2023 QM updated to the 7th edition of the Quality Matters Rubric. Individuals must complete the rubric update before January 2024 to keep their QM credentials.

The rubric update course is free, online, and self-paced. Register through the QM web site: <https://www.qualitymatters.org/professional-development/workshops/higher-ed-rubric-update>

YEAR IN REVIEW

The 3rd Annual PSU QM Users Conference was held in February 2023. A wide range of topics were discussed. Thanks to the presenters who made the event possible:

- Jennifer Hillman, Berks
- Daonian Liu, Berks
- Mary Napoli, Harrisburg
- Carol Putman, Behrend
- Dani McCauley, Behrend
- Jonathan Gunnell, Behrend
- Brian Hyatt, World Campus

Recordings are available in the PSU QM Users Group Teams space.

The Intro to QM and Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) workshops were well attended. The APPQMR prepares faculty and staff to serve on internal course review teams. These workshops will be offered again in the coming year.

Learn more about these workshops by visiting the [QM@PSU Event site](#):

<https://qualitymatters.psu.edu/events>

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTRO TO QM:

- SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 10, 2023
- MARCH 12-26, 2024
- JUNE 2-16, 2024
- OCTOBER 8-22, 2024

APPQMR (ONLINE):

- JUNE 16-30

APPQMR (ON-SITE UP):

- JULY 2024 TBD



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COLLABORATIONS

Penn State QM Coordinators are available for QM collaborative work, consultations, and questions surrounding the QM initiative at Penn State. The QM Coordinators can also present QM-specific information to interested units, consult on research projects, and communicate the value of QM at Penn State within their unit.




QM@PSU WEBSITE

As part of the plan to provide more resources and support for those that are doing reviews or having a course reviewed, the Penn State QM Coordinators have updated the QM@PSU website with helpful language and resources for standards most often missed in Penn State internal reviews. In the future, the website will be updated with tip sheets/best practice ideas for reviewers to implement during the review process. Our goal is to provide resources that will make the review process more efficient. The website has also been updated with a registration form for training and professional development events and an events calendar.



Join the Penn State QM Users Group

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Go to **Join a team with a code** (the second tile), enter the code **pvdfgo** in the **Enter code** box, and click **Join**.

QM SPOTLIGHT



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Our “Rapid Reviews” program is a narrow, structured quality review of course content based on the Quality Matters (QM) standards commonly “not met” from Penn State internal QM reviews. Behrend faculty can request a CRR for any course they have developed and are teaching or plan to teach, and the confidential review is completed by instructional designers in the Center for eLearning Initiatives. Whereas a complete QM review can take up to 4 weeks, a CRR can typically provide course design feedback within 3-5 business days and allows faculty to only request feedback on specific aspects of their course as they related to QM (medium, norms, network, and/or purpose).

<https://cei.bd.psu.edu/services/course-rapid-reviews/>