

**RECOGNITIONS****OUTSTANDING
COLLEGE OR
SCHOOL****IDA MOFFETT
SCHOOL OF
NURSING**

The School of Nursing had the highest number of online courses approved for Spring 2018. They have been early adopters not only to online education, but also to Samford's new quality assurance initiative. Thank you for your continued pursuit of excellence in nursing education.

**LEADING THE
CHARGE****DR. HOWARD
FINCH**

Dean Finch embraced the challenge to increase quality in online education by leading the Brock School of Business by example. He was trained in "Applying the Quality Matters Rubric," encouraged his faculty to do the same, and received "Samford Approved" status for his own Spring 2018 course. Thank you for your leadership!

Online Courses Reviewed for
Jan Term / Spring 2018

+120

Percentage of Online Courses
Receiving "Samford Approved"
Status for Spring 2018

91%

Samford Faculty and Staff
Trained in "Applying the
Quality Matters Rubric"

49

Samford Faculty and Staff
Trained as Quality Matters
Peer Reviewers

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Upcoming Professional
Development Opportunities
for Samford Online

5**EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY****TRANSITIONING FROM MOODLE TO CANVAS**

We will begin our conversion from Moodle to Canvas this month. We will soon provide more details concerning training and course migration services provided by Canvas. We understand that an LMS conversion will require additional time, attention, and patience with a new process. Our team will work with you throughout the conversion process to provide the support you need. We hope to provide Canvas access to everyone within the next few weeks.

The Office of Online and Professional

Studies has started the development of a QM Canvas shell (much like the QM Moodle shell) that will assist faculty in reaching Samford and QM approvals. When Samford is ready, Canvas will migrate course content from Moodle to the pre-set Canvas shell.

As a reminder, Samford's Moodle contract ends in December 2018 for course migration purposes. We welcome your questions and suggestions throughout the transition process.

"We feel confident that several of our Nursing courses are ready for national certification thanks to the Samford Online help!"

DR. JANE MARTIN

Senior Associate Dean and Professor,
Ida Moffett School of Nursing

CANVAS TOOL SHOWCASE

Canvas has an embedded video and / or audio recording feature that facilitates better instructor to student interaction. With the click of a button, faculty can turn a bland discussion board into an interactive asynchronous conversation. *Click here to read more.*

QUALITY MATTERS

QM

QM Standard Spotlight

Quality Matters (QM) General Standard 7 focuses on providing online students access to institutional and school-specific support services.

Samford Approved Checklist

To meet Samford Approved Standard 7 you can either:

1. Include a link to Samford Online's webpage in your course syllabus, or
2. Use the QM Shell for Samford's Learning Management System. (The shell was designed to meet QM General Standard 7.)

DID YOU KNOW?

Samford Online has a webpage specifically designed to address student services for online students.

Click here to visit www.samford.edu/programs/online.

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"Implementing the Quality Matters framework and achieving Samford's internal recognition for approval was such a smooth process."

DR. MICHAEL HOGUE

Professor and Associate Dean of the Center for Faith and Health, McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Next Steps

Are you ready for the Samford Seal of Excellence (SOE)? The SOE dives deeper into each QM General Standard by covering the 21 QM Essential Standards. To attain this level of approval, start by completing a self-review using the Seal of Excellence Checklist found in the *Samford Online Resources* page in Moodle. Then, email samfordonline@samford.edu or call 726-2448 to begin your peer review process.

Save the Dates

2/16/18, 8:15-9:30, DBH 416

Coffee Talk: Overview of Samford Approved Process and Achieving Advanced Recognition (Limit 30)

2/23/18, 8:15-9:30, DBH 416

Coffee Talk: Online Instructional Parity and Quality Matters General Standard 1: Course Layout (Limit 30)

Click the dates above to register!

"First I was afraid, I was petrified ..."

"The learning curve for this prof within three years of retirement was QUITE steep!! Thanks to help from Sarah Ramaiah and Katherine Jarnigan, the course is going smoothly, and I look forward to offering it again next year!"

DR. LYNDA JENTSCH
PROFESSOR
WORLD LANGUAGES & CULTURES

"Taylor made what appeared to be a major task much easier. It was a smooth process."

MR. LARRY HARPER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

"The support and expertise offered by Joe Zellner, Katherine Jarnigan and Taylor Kendrick has made a tangible difference in our students' online learning experience."

DR. HOWARD FINCH
DEAN
BROCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

"At first I was a bit reticent, but I can say wholeheartedly that going through this process has made me an exponentially better online professor."

DR. ASHLEY ROBERTSON
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION