

Instructions—Online Delivery Authority

APPROVAL CRITERIA—ONLINE DELIVERY AUTHORITY

Authority to deliver programs online is different from delivery plans for any given semester. There are three types of authorizations to deliver programs online:

- A. Institutional authority. Institutional authority is granted by HLC either directly or through Minnesota Online, to offer all degrees, certificates and diplomas. The program inventory will indicate this authorization.
- B. Degree Program authority. In the absence of institutional authority, authorization is required for a degree program. This authorization is granted by HLC either directly or through Minnesota Online. The program inventory will indicate this authorization.
- C. Certificate and diploma authority. Colleges and universities have the authority to offer certificates and diplomas online. The program inventory will indicate this authorization.

Programs that have received authorization to be delivered online will have a location of “online” added to the program inventory.

Online delivery approval requires a “yes” response to each of the following questions:

1. Has the institution received Higher Learning Commission or Minnesota Online authority to deliver programs online?
2. Is the program proposed for online delivery mode consistent with the Minnesota Online definition of online programs?

Definition Online Programs

Complete academic programs that are delivered predominately over the Internet. As pedagogically necessary, portions of an online program may occur through professional practice or applied activities such as a practicum, internship, or cohort activities.

More information and guidelines pertaining to the online review and authorization process are located at: <http://eassessment.project.mnscu.edu>

For more assistance in interpreting these criteria, please refer to [Staff Contacts](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Link to information on how to complete general information section on all applications.