Tec receives global certification for online postgraduate units



Four of Tec de Monterrey's online postgraduate training units have been certified by global organization <u>Quality Matters</u> for meeting their standards for high-quality course design.

"Social Responsibility, Ethics, and Sustainability," "Sustainable Development Leadership," "Business Integration Project," and "Foresight and Innovation" were certified on this occasion.

Quality Matters is a global organization that certifies the quality of digital teaching models and online learning.



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The Tec and Quality Matters worked **together** on **training**, adjusting **design processes**, and **incorporating resources** such as augmented, virtual, and immersive reality.

"We're interested in **aligning** all the other **courses**, including those offered at the institution, so they can **follow** these **Quality Matters rubrics and standards**," shared Maribell Reyes Millán, Director of Digital Education at Tec de Monterrey.

The educational institution holds four of the six certifications found in Latin America.

Social Responsibility, Ethics, and Sustainability

This course is part of the Master's in Business Administration and was **enriched** with **educational resources** based on feedback from *Quality Matters*.

Case studies, interviews with international experts, and the global ecological footprint exercise were introduced to promote ethical and responsible practice.

Sustainable Development Leadership

This course is taught on the **four online master's** programs at the School of Engineering and Sciences.

Accessibility and student experience were the basis for enriching this course with practical exercises.

Business Integration Project

This is also part of the Master's in Business Administration and **will begin in January 2022.** It will offer **personalized advice** from full-time and specialized professors.

What's more, it will link academic learning with the workplace through the experience of consulting and the implementation of solutions to a company or organization's problems.

Foresight and Innovation

This was the **first Tec de Monterrey course** in **Latin America** to be **certified** by Quality Matters in **2019**.

It's part of the Master's in Business Administration that provides **skills** such as **problem solving**, **entrepreneurship and innovation**, and **global perspective**.

Joint work between QM and Tec de Monterrey

This **collaboration** between Tec de Monterrey and *Quality Matters* seeks to **promote academic quality** in **distance education programs** with the aim of improving student learning and development.

Universities can **go through** the **certification** process **without having to be partners** with *Quality Matters*.

The **review process** is performed by **academics** from various universities and educational institutions.

"The goal of this **partnership** between Tec de Monterrey and Quality Matters is to jointly **develop research** topics and establish **quality standards** for **Latin America**," shared Reyes.

This way, they can provide **training** to **teachers** in order to apply standards of quality and **guidance** on **improving** the **quality** of courses.

"We've carried out a whole process of **standardization** in the **design** for **online teaching**," explained Reyes.

The institution has also **certified teachers and instructional designers** to meet *Quality Matters* rubrics.

"The goal of aligning our courses with these standards is to ensure the best online learning experience for students," Reyes said.

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