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Subject: Regular and Substantive Interaction Training for Online and Hybrid Instructors

Starting in Summer 2021, the U.S. Department of Education will implement new regulations for what is required to ensure regular and substantive interaction in online courses. In order to ensure UNM's compliance with this new regulation, UNM Online, the Center for Digital Learning, and the Office of the Provost collaborated to develop the "Regular and Substantive Interaction Training" (RASI Training) to ensure our online instructors understand these new requirements and are properly trained to maintain quality in all online courses at UNM. Instructors teaching classes that are not fully online, but still contain online components, will find several benefits from completing this training.

Moving forward, instructors teaching courses scheduled as "Online" or "Hybrid" at all campuses must complete the RASI Training in Learning Central prior to the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester. This training takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. If the instructor has completed the Evidence-Based Practices for Teaching Online (EBPTO) training since Fall 2019 or a relevant and documented training at a branch campus, then the RASI Training is not required. UNM must require this training to be compliant with state, federal, and accreditation policies on remote or distance learning. **We regret that the technology glitched in the initial roll out. The RASI Training is now available on [Learning Central](#) by searching "Regular and Substantive Interaction Training":**

Go to <https://learningcentral.unm.edu>

- Log in with UNM net id
- Click on left-hand menu "To-Do: Take Courses"
- Select and click on "Complete online course Regular and Substantive Interaction Training"
- Click on Red "Start Course" button
- Click on Blue "Regular and Substantive Interaction Training"
- Start Course.
- The narrated content is the same as the written content. You can move through the written content by clicking the advance buttons.

Please visit [UNM Online](#) for more information on the RASI Training and scheduling online courses.

I am grateful to the Center for Digital Learning and UNM Online staffs for their collaboration on building the RASI training.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Mandatory Training for instructors of Online and Hybrid Courses



MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST

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Thank you for your help ensuring that we address federal regulations and engage students across multiple modalities.

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