

Loma Linda University
Learning & Technology Subcommittee
Philosophy of Distance Education
(from AVLN Standards)

Courses developed shall be mission-oriented

- Focus on wholeness
- Reflect University's stated values

Courses developed shall focus on thinking processes

- Mastery of foundational knowledge
- Focus on higher order thinking processes
- Reflection on learning experiences

Courses developed shall address the relational basis of learning

- A design for interaction between learner and content
- A design for interaction between learner and learner
- A design for interaction between learner and teacher
- A design for interaction between learner and self (reflection)
- A design for interaction between learner and the community (includes service)

Courses developed shall create stimulating learning experiences

- Instructional variety
- Naturally engaging
- Relevance (connections to real life)

Courses developed shall address the individuality of learners

- Sensitivity to cultural diversity
- Attention to learning styles

Courses developed shall incorporate appropriate assessment processes

- Courses are built on specific learning outcomes
- Assessment is directly connected and appropriate to learning outcomes

Courses developed should provide access to appropriate support services and learning materials

- Library
- Student support