

Online Teaching Certification Pathways

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This document outlines the approved pathways for Cerritos College faculty to become certified to teach distance education courses at the college. [Contact Distance Education \(DE\) Coordinators](#) for more information.

- **College-Provided Programs**

- a. [Cerritos College's Online Certification Program](#): A comprehensive internal training covering online pedagogy.
- b. [EDT 125: Fundamentals of Online Teaching](#): A 9-week course at Cerritos College.

- **External Programs**

Faculty with one of the external online teaching certifications listed below may qualify for certification at Cerritos College. DE Coordinators will review submitted documentation against the four current community college standards: regular and substantive interaction (RSI), accessibility, assessment, and course design. Before applying, review the [Validation of Online Teaching Certification \(OTC\)](#) guidelines.

- a. [Certificate in Online Teaching & Design Through @ONE](#)
- b. [Certification From Accredited Colleges and Universities](#)

- **Alternative Pathways**

- a. **Test-Out Option:** Faculty may demonstrate competency by showing at least 25% of their course that meets the [OTC rubric](#). The course should have a 90%+ score on UDOIT.
- b. **Use of an Approved Course Template:** While earning online certification during their first semester at Cerritos College, faculty may teach online with a Canvas course already used by department faculty and approved as meeting Distance Education standards. The course template must be used as provided, without modification.
- c. **Summer Boot Camp:** Two-week intensive training (*offered by the DE Coordinator*).