University Consortium for Quality Online Learning (UCQOL)

The University Consortium for Quality Online Learning was founded by the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education in collaboration with the UAE Ministry of Education (MoE) and nine leading universities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). UCQOL aims to strengthen existing online programs, develop high-quality online courses, and make them more accessible to Emirati and Arab youth. The consortium is working towards building an expanding network of educational institutions in the region that will incorporate online learning into their operations.

Abdulla Al Ghurair Hub for Digital Teaching and Learning

The Consortium designed a four-phased project

2021

Phase 1
Capacity Needs Assessment

2021 - 2023

Phase 2
Training & Capacity Building

2022

Phase 3
Online Program Development & Accreditation

2022 - 2024

Phase 4
Online Program Evaluation/ Project Expansion

The Foundation collaborated with the Instructional Design for E-Learning (IDEL) expert team to conduct a capacity needs assessment, which identified each university's strengths and opportunities for implementing high-quality e-learning, as well as gaps between available and required capacities. Following the needs assessment, IDEL conducted two training sessions for 27 faculty members from the universities to refine each university's program and equip them with the tools and quality standards required to develop effective online programs.