March 2021 Newsletter

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College of Alameda Accepted into the California Virtual Campus (CVC) Consortium!
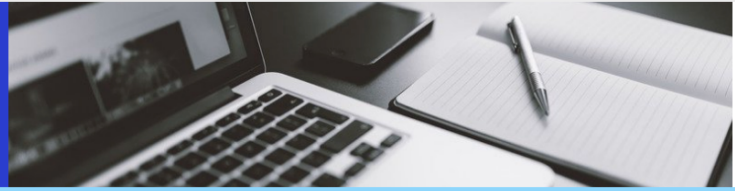
LET'S CELEBRATE

What is the CVC Consortium?

The CVC Consoritum is a group of 65 California Community Colleges that work together to address online achievement gaps and increase student access to fully-resourced online courses.

The Consortium provides structure and guidance for colleges to achieve the following:

- Increase growth for online course development, approval, and delivery.
- Facilitate robust faculty/staff orientation, professional development, and support.
- Assist in the development and delivery of comprehensive online learner readiness resources and other student support services.
- Increase the use of technologies to support online teaching and learning.
- Streamline student service delivery and the enrollment process.

Learn more about the CVC Consortium <u>on their website</u>.

Meet the Distance Education Team

College of Alameda has a robust Distance Education team to support you.

Jennifer Fowler, **Distance Education Coordinator**
Communication Faculty
- Provide leadership and guidance of the DE program.
- Represent the college on local and District DE Committees, the Distance Education Coordinator Organization (DECO), and CVC Consortium.
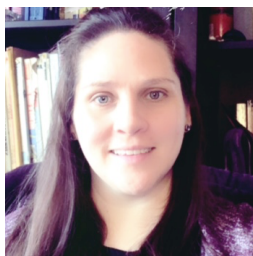
Dr. Diana Bajrami, **Lead Trainer**
Economics Faculty
- Conduct professional development training, with a specific focus on the CVC Course Design Rubric, equity-based pedagogy, and accessibility.
- Check out the <u>Spring 2021 Distance Education Seminar Series.</u>

Distance Education Coaches
Provide weekly Canvas help and drop in office hours via Zoom. Visit the <u>CoA DE Faculty Resources website</u> for days, times, and Zoom link to attend.
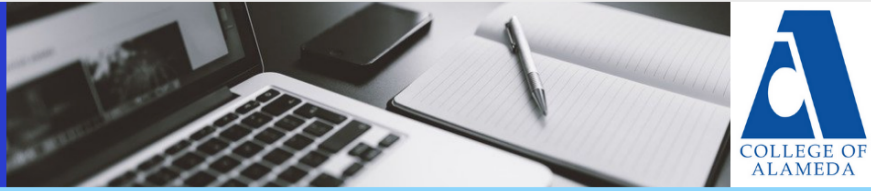
Johanna Carranza
ESOL Faculty

Maria Guzman
Art Faculty

Rich Kaeser
Math Faculty

What is POCR?

As a CVC Consortium College, we are eligible to apply to become a "Certified POCR Campus."

Peer Online Course Review (POCR) is a process through which faculty can voluntarily request to have online courses reviewed by trained faculty peers. The goal is to provide recommendations to improve course content, design, accessibility, and to align to the CVC Rubric. If College of Alameda is approved, we would be permitted to award CVC "Quality Reviewed" badges locally on behalf of CVC.

Courses that are badged:

- Rise to the top of student search results in the CVC Exchange.
- Exemplify the highest level of online course design quality and accessibility standards.
- Perform +4.9 percentage points above the statewide average for online success.

Where are we in the process?

College of Alameda is working to submit a POCR certification application. To learn more about the CVC Rubric and POCR in the meantime, visit the resources below:

- Peer Online Course Review
- Local POCR Resource Center
- The ABC's of Online Course Design free Self-Paced Course
- Tips for Aligning Courses