

Towards University Teaching Excellence: Enhancing Teaching Quality Through Peer Review

Series of Enhancing Effective Education

Peer Review in university teaching is a structured process where faculty colleagues evaluate each other's teaching practices, including:

- ✓ **Reviewing teaching materials** like curriculum, syllabus, and assignments.
- ✓ **Observing lecture practices:** presentation, teaching methods, & instructor—student interaction.
- ✓ Assessing overall effectiveness through teaching artifacts like course portfolio & student work.

Criteria for Selecting Peer Reviewers

Institutional **Experience:**

knowledge of institutional goals and peer review processes.

Integrity: fair, objectivate, and confidential evaluations, with awareness of teaching

choices.

Trust & Mentorship:

building trust, offering constructive feedback and supporting teaching development.

Thorough & Practical: clear.

comprehensive reports with actionable recommendations for improvement.

Why Peer Review?

- Expert evaluation beyond student opinions.
- Enhancing professional growth by identifying strengths & weaknesses.
- Promoting mutual learning & reviewer confidence.
- Supporting a collaborative academic community.

Types of Peer Review



Formative: Provides constructive feedback to develop teaching skills.

Summative: Used in formal evaluations, such as promotion assessments, with clear criteria tied to university standards.

References

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