OLC INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER Q & A

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I have developed courses, taught online, delivered and designed professional development for those teaching with technology, and served in leadership roles in online learning at the University of Southern Indiana, Austin Peay State University, and now at Texas State University. I have also been a presenter at OLC conferences.

OLC has been a part of my experience as an online teaching and learning professional since the beginning of my career in higher education. Through OLC, we learned about building quality into online courses and programs through the valuable networks we established via the consortium.

Top 5 Reasons Texas State Joined OLC:

- **1. Peer professional networking**
- 2. Best-practices & benchmarking tools
- 3. High-quality professional development
- 4. Presentation & publication opportunities
- 5. Research activities

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What aspect(s) of the OLC Institutional Membership does your organization use most and why? OLC helps connect us to valuable resources, research, and peers who understand our desire to create, maintain, assess, and deliver high-quality online courses and programs. Our OLC membership returns value most often as a resource for best practices and benchmarking for online learning professionals.

How has your OLC Membership helped your institution? The OLC Quality Scorecard recently helped us establish a new snapshot of our online learning delivery and support systems and gave us some additional targets for our continuous improvement process. OLC workshops and conference events also help us connect with new ideas and our innovative peers.

How has your OLC Membership helped you in your career? My OLC membership linked me to valuable professional development experiences in my early career when online education was emergent and the community of practice needed its own learning space. The OLC has continued to provide learning and leadership opportunities for me throughout the years.

To whom and why you would recommend OLC Membership? From the novice in online learning to the veteran, from the skeptic about teaching with technology to the evangelist, there is something good to be found in OLC membership.

"OLC Membership strengthens the individual and the institution through a focus on quality—in supporting professional practice, nurturing peer networks, and reinforcing continuous improvement in online learning."