

# *For Immediate Release*



## **Augusta Technical College College Math 1012 receives Quality Matters Certification for Course Design Quality**

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Augusta Technical College's MATH 1012 – Foundations of Mathematics, earned the Quality Matters (QM) Certification Mark following a rigorous review process. The QM Certification Mark is the internationally recognized symbol of online and blended course design quality and represents ATC's ongoing commitment to creating learning environments that provide learners with a clear pathway to success.



The certification is the result of ATC's dedication to continuous improvement, including the work of Warren Miller, Mathematics Instructor in the School of Arts and Sciences. The course is now listed on the [QM directory of certified courses](#).

According to Instructor Miller, "Even though you think you know everything about your online course, it is always a good idea to have other instructors to look over your course and validate what you have done and offer sound suggestions on how to improve your course."

The QM Official Review provided independent validation of the quality, learner-focused course design found in MATH 1012. Reviews are conducted by QM-Certified Reviewers and use the Quality Matters Rubric and associated Standards, which are based on research and best practices. A course earns the QM Certification Mark once it meets QM Rubric Standards at the 86% threshold or better and meets all Essential Standards.

Implementation of Quality Matters at Augusta Technical College is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education Predominantly Black Institutions Competitive Program Award #: P382A210033. College faculty work with the Center for Professional Excellence (CPE) at ATC to develop accessible courses to increase student success and retention. Augusta Technical College is dedicated to implementing Quality Matters in select Gateway Courses by 2025. The implementation of Quality Matters supports Strategic Priority I - Student Success

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Grounded in research. Driven by best practices. A community that puts learners first. [Quality Matters \(QM\)](#) is the global organization leading quality assurance in online and innovative digital teaching and learning environments. It provides a scalable quality assurance system for online and blended learning used within and across organizations. When you see QM Certification Marks on courses or programs, it means they have met [QM Course Design Standards](#) or [QM Program Review Criteria](#) in a rigorous review process.

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### ***About Augusta Technical College***

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