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Augusta Technical College's Structure and Function of the Human Body Course Receives Quality Matters Certification

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Augusta Technical College's\_ALHS 1011 -Structure and Function of the Human Body, 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 innovative work of Alberta Mobley, Department Head of Health Care

Assisting, in the School of Health Sciences. The course is now listed on the <u>QM directory of certified courses</u>.

According to Instructor Mobley, "It has been a great opportunity working on the Quality Matters review process; it allowed me to really focus on what makes a course work well for students. It's all about making learning clearer, smoother, and more engaging."

The QM Official Review provided independent validation of the quality, learner-focused course design found in ALHS 1011. 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 85% 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 with an Equity Focus, and Core Values of Excellence, Inclusiveness, and Innovation.

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## About Quality Matters

Grounded in research. Driven by best practices. A community that puts learners first. <u>Quality Matters</u> (<u>QM</u>) 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 <u>QM Course Design Standards</u> or <u>QM Program Review Criteria</u> in a rigorous review process.

## About Augusta Technical College

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit augustatech.edu.

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