

# Summary Overview of Course Alignment

## The Advantages of Doing Course Alignment Exercise



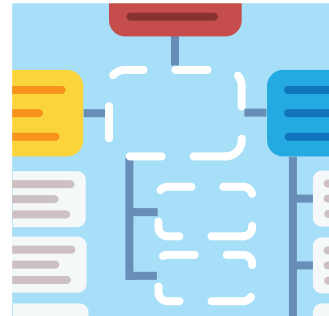
### Evaluate the Quality

Conducting a course alignment exercise will help you evaluate the quality of your course design and the learning experience for your students.



### Validate Course Design

Validating that a course is well-aligned can help uncover gaps or problem spots that may impact teaching excellence and hinder student learning.



### Optimize Course Design

The overarching goal with an alignment exercise is to optimize the teaching, learning and evaluation activities in a course.

## Five Design Principles

Meyers and Nulty (2009) identify five design principles that are key to effective course design in higher education. They require teaching and learning materials and experiences that:

- are authentic and relevant;
- are constructive, sequential, and scaffolded;
- require students to engage in higher-order thinking;
- are aligned with each other and the course outcomes;
- are challenging, interesting, and provide motivation to learn.

## The Process of Course Alignment

