

Correspondence Education Policy

Correspondence education is a means through which institutions may deliver instruction. Delivering instruction for which students are eligible for Title IV federal financial aid through correspondence education represents a substantive change.

Correspondence education means:

1. Education provided through one or more courses by an institution under which the institution provides instructional materials, by mail or electronic transmission, including examinations on the materials, to students who are separated from the instructor.
2. Interaction between the instructor and the student is limited, is not regular and substantive, and is primarily initiated by the student.
3. Correspondence courses are typically self-paced.
4. Correspondence education is not distance education.

Institutions planning to offer instruction through correspondence education are directed to the Commission's *Substantive Change Policy* for the procedures and timing of submitting such a proposal to the Commission.

Instruction offered through correspondence education should be addressed as appropriate in institutional reports.