Designing and delivering an Online Teaching Endorsement for K-12 Virtual School Teachers

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While virtual school programs are growing exponentially all over the world, the demand for qualified online teachers has also increased. What does it mean to be qualified to teach online? What knowledge and skills are necessary? How does a teacher receive online teaching endorsement and what does this translate to in terms of abilities and aptitudes of online pedagogy and technological tool sets? This presentation covers these topics and discusses the Online Teaching Endorsement process. Specifically, the Online Teaching Endorsement (OTE) offered by the College of Education at Coastal Carolina University is highlighted and described in detail. Topics covered include the relationship and articulation between the University and the State Department of Education, the scope and sequence of courses, the delivery techniques and tools used, and the process of reviewing and adapting the curriculum so that learners receive a combination of relevant and useful theories and skills.