

QEP Project Report

The library's QEP proposal involved converting the online basic library orientation into a more interactive tutorial. Funds from the proposed QEP project were used to purchase Camtasia and Captivate, two demonstration software packages that have the capabilities of creating interactive online tutorials with immediate feedback and quiz components.

Both software programs were purchased and installed on a library computer designated for the project. After a significant time learning and comparing the two programs, Camtasia was selected as the most promising application for creating the online interactive orientation. It has audio and visual capabilities.

Unfortunately, Kristy Padron, the author of the QEP proposal and main participant in the project left the university in 2007. Her efforts with using Camtasia to develop an online orientation were continued by Alberto Hernandez, who spent several months becoming acquainted with the software and the proposal itself. Dr. Hernandez successfully completed several practice modules. Here is an example of one (<http://uwf.edu/cthompson/demo.html>) that demonstrates the audio/visual components of Camtasia. Dr. Hernandez left the university in 2008, resulting in two departmental vacancies, and the project was shelved until we had more staff resources to devote to it.

This fall semester, the reference department was assigned a visiting librarian, who is coordinating library instruction. She and the other members of the reference department will consider learning Camtasia, revising the incomplete tutorial, and completing it for patron use.