The Office of Online Programs was created to coordinate the development and implementation of new online course and programs. Our office works with the Provost's office, schools, UCT, Distance Learning, and faculty to ensure the highest level of quality in UHCL's online offerings.

Some of our projects are supporting UCT for this summer's Digital Academy and Faculty Training Sessions, promoting the development of online programs at UHCL, and working with Student Life to create an Online Orientation that will help ensure their success at the university. For the Online Orientation project we need your input! We know each course & program is different but there are some resources that every online student will benefit from, and we're trying to make sure this orientation provides that information. What do you think our students need? Send us your ideas!

Office of Online Program Development

Dr. Glen Houston

Established in fall 2008, the Office of Online Program Development has the purpose to coordinate and facilitate the growth and expansion of online programs at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Office objectives include:

• Developing and recommending plans and assessment activities for online course development;
• Developing and implementing training for faculty on line learning strategies;
• Advising and training faculty on approaches to enhance the quality of online courses; and
• Ensuring compliance of online programs with accreditation standards mandated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

When the office was first formed, the provost set a target for UHCL to have 10 quality programs fully online. As of fall 2010, we will have 6 masters’ degree programs fully online:

• Master of Arts in Human Resource Management;
• Master of Business Administration;
• Master of Science in Engineering Management;
• Master of Science in Finance;
• Master of Science in Instructional Technology; and
• Master of Science in Software Engineering

By spring 2011, we anticipate adding 3 more fully online degree programs:

• Bachelor of Arts in Criminology;
• Bachelor of Business in Finance; and
• Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

At least 2 other degree programs are in work that will eventually be available fully online:

• Bachelor of Science in Public Service Leadership; and
• Master of Science in Environmental Science.

Pictured above: Casey Pruett, online UHCL MBA student.

"I started pursuing my MBA in spring of 2006 and have taken all of my classes thus far online,” wrote Pruett from Germany in an e-mail interview.