

MUM's E-Learning program lauded

Affordable Colleges Online has named Miami University Middletown's (MUM) E-Learning Initiative as one of the Top 20 such programs in Ohio for 2015.

Since 2012, Affordable Colleges Online has investigated and ranked 116 accredited university campuses in Ohio and other states for the affordability and quality of their online learning programs. This is the first time the MUM e-learning programs have been featured in the listing, according to Janet Hurn, Coordinator of the E-Learning Initiative for Miami's regional campuses in Hamilton and Middletown.

Affordable Colleges Online noted in its summary that MUM offers "not only online and hybrid programs, but also live, two-way interactive video courses ... for students who want to take the same classes their counterparts take on campus, they may participate in live, two-way videoconferencing of classes as they take place."

This past spring, Miami Regionals had 1,813 students taking at least one class online, and many of the classes to be offered this fall are already full.

Being ranked 19th in the state shows that the program is moving in the right direction, Hurn said, and the task now is to increase the course offerings and try to crack the Top 10 in 2016. STAFF REPORT