

<b>Action Project Worksheet</b> Evangel University, Missouri	Challenging	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Easy
	Complex	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Simple
	High Payoff	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Low Payoff

**Action project idea #5:** Development of an Online Education Program that Reflects the Evangel Mission and Vision

**AQIP Criterion to which this primarily relates:** Understanding Students' and Other Stakeholders' Needs

**Briefly describe what you would like this project to accomplish.**

Successful completion of this project will result in processes and procedures enabling Evangel to implement and support online degree programs and course offerings. Specific outcomes for online education at Evangel include:

1. Determine the stakeholders to be served
2. Clear inclusion of the Evangel ethos
3. Common components for all online classes based upon HLC's Best Practices
4. Certification of faculty in pedagogy, as well as practical and technical techniques
5. Full integration of all support services into the organizational structure, including, but not limited to, registration, advising, library services, and technical support
6. Evaluation by standardized indicators

**Where did the idea or stimulus for this Action Project originate?**

The role of online education at Evangel has been discussed and researched formally since 2001, when the Campus Planning Council chartered a team to assess the feasibility for Evangel University to develop a distance education program and make recommendations regarding same. While the team report indicated an opportunity for Evangel to serve its constituents through an online education program, subsequent efforts to implement online education programs have been fragmented, leading to potential lost revenue and failure to receive recognition as a technologically relevant institution.

**Which specific needs of your students or other external stakeholders would be better met if you accomplished this Project? How?** The development of a distance education program will fulfill Vision 2015 Strategic Direction One, Goal 7, the development of eUniversity to support campus programs and to provide distance learning programs for off-campus students. With a mission to serve the Assemblies of God, an online education program will expand access to the University for thousands of constituents world-wide.

**How would doing this Project allow you to better meet your employees' needs? Which, specifically?**

It is anticipated that an online learning program will lead to expanded professional development and teaching opportunities for faculty and staff. A fully-developed online learning program would provide flexible scheduling options to faculty and staff, leading to improved morale and result in increased pride and satisfaction in work.

**How would accomplishing this Project change or affect your institution's culture?**

Accomplishing this project will lead to more effective use of our human and technical resources. It will increase our sense of pride and community as faculty and support services work together to achieve our common goals.

**What leadership and employee enthusiasm and support is there for doing this Project now?**

Strong support for this Project was revealed when the development of a distance education program emerged as one of the top three priorities of the campus community during a campus-wide strategic planning conversation day in November of 2007.