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E 4 Me Receives Outstanding Online Course Award

E 4 ME has done it again! E 4 ME, Ohio's free online course, received its second national award, once again confirming it is a valuable learning tool for Ohioans.

The Instructional Technology Council (ITC) conferred E 4 ME: Online Orientation Course for Exploring Learners as one of two recipients for the Outstanding Online Course award (www.e4meohio.org). The award is part of ITC's 2006 Awards for Excellence in Distance Education and will be recognized at the e-Learning 2006 conference in Savannah early February. Last fall, the E 4 ME course won the Outstanding Advising Technology Innovation Award from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

"We are pleased to see national recognition for the E 4 ME course," says Kate Carey, OLN executive director. "The real acclaim comes from the Ohioans who complete this course and move one more step on their education path."

"I have completed the course. It has been a very rewarding experience for me to participate in the E 4 ME course. I have learned a great deal about E-Learning and the many opportunities it can afford an individual desiring to further their education. I have bookmarked certain websites from the course that I believe will be invaluable when I begin to actively search for my Home Institution, courses, degrees, financial assistance, and of course "REGISTRATION."

Nearly 300 Ohioans have successfully completed E 4 ME! Enrollment is easy at www.e4meohio.org, with new classes beginning every month. The course introduces e-learning, including with the time commitment an online course might require. Students who complete the course are eligible for financial incentives at colleges and universities. Students also get free help from an E-Guide who advises them as they take their next steps for education.

The Instructional Technology Council (ITC)(www.itcnetwork.org) is a national organization that provides leadership, information and resources to expand and enhance distance learning through the effective use of technology. ITC is an affiliated council of the American Association of Community Colleges, and since its establishment in 1977, has represented higher education institutions in the United States and Canada, and is a leader in advancing distance education. With a wide array of members, ITC combines their efforts to use a vast assortment of ever-changing technologies for distance education.

E 4 ME is a service of the Ohio Learning Network (www.olin.org), a consortium promoting and supporting e-learning in the state of Ohio. OLN has 72 member colleges and universities and is a program of the Ohio Board of Regents. OLN helps Ohioans access higher education, helps build partnerships among higher education, schools, businesses and communities, and promotes and supports e-learning in the state of Ohio.