2.7.2

Del Mar College (DMC) is a two-year, open-access institution that offers degrees, certificates, and courses consistent with its mission and purpose. The Virtual College of Texas (VCT) statewide collaborative allows Del Mar College to better serve a diverse student population by augmenting Distance Learning (DL) courses for students from participating, SACS accredited, two-year institutions across Texas.

Del Mar College recognizes the importance of DL as an important vehicle for expanding access to the College’s degree programs (Strategic Plan, Goal C, page 27 of 58). Student enrollments in distance learning classes helped increase enrollments during the past five years and included VCT hosted courses. Del Mar College does not offer a complete degree program through VCT. It does offer degree programs that conform to the Statement of Purpose of the institution, meet the curriculum standards of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and that are approved by the Del Mar College Board of Regents. The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree, the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree, and the Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degree are designed to develop the lower-division general education competencies that prepare students who are planning to transfer to universities. The Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree is designed to develop skills and competencies for students who are preparing for the workforce. All of the College degree programs are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

New degree programs are recommended for approval by the Del Mar College Curriculum Committee and The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requirements for academic (page 202) or workforce areas (page 2). Proposals must demonstrate a need for the program, identify program objectives, and outline a sequential two-year program of study.

Additional Document Sources:
Del Mar College 2005-2006 Catalog and Student Handbook