

# Review of: "Quality assessment program of the teaching activity of the higher education faculty staff. A case study"

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**Brief Abstract of this Paper:**

- The European Higher Education Commission has recommended the assessment of the quality of the teaching staff
- Spanish National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA) promoted Teaching Evaluation Support Programme (DOCENTIA)
- ANECA is designed to satisfy the needs of the higher education system for a model and procedures to guarantee more than 90% of the Spanish Universities participated in this program
- The follow-up verification phase must be justified and solved during the monitoring phase to earn the certification

**Process:**

- The universities have to train their staff to reach competence
- It incorporates a strategic plan

DOCENTIA Program consists of 1. Design, 2. External Evaluation, 3. Implementation monitoring by ANECA, 4. Certification and Monitoring

It is similar to planning outcome-based curriculum, development of appropriate instructional design, evaluation of learning, assessment of achievement of learning objectives prescribed, training imported, and implementing the remedial measures.

A case study has been provided:

14 standards are presented.

Monitoring phase has also been presented.

***The authors have not described the following:***

1. Strategic planning
2. Prior assessment of the competencies of the faculty
3. Training programs offered to improve the quality of teaching (Curriculum development model, instructional planning, continuous assessment/evaluation, research, consultancy services, professional competencies gained by the faculty)

(higher education administration, leadership, innovation, services rendered to the community, etc.)

4. Continuous process of faculty development in teaching learning process
5. Counselling, coaching, mentoring, etc.
6. Assessment done by an external agency on the professional skills gained
7. Additional training programs offered, if any.

***The authors may develop another paper to provide in-depth information as listed above.***