The total number of students completing the nutrition course between 1998 and 2002 from the convenience of their own computers was 2173. The course was first offered during fall 1998 with 30 students. The number has increased steadily since then, with 1,000 students completing the course in 2002. The course is scheduled to be offered during spring, summer and winter sessions 2003, with 380 enrolled as of January 2003. The department has evaluated the effectiveness of offering these distributed courses by comparing performance of the online students to those taking the course in a traditional classroom. No difference was found in exam scores, final grades, or between pretest and post-test scores for the two learning environments. The program fulfills one of the Arizona Board of Regents priorities: to expand access to the university.