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formation in the design of the course. Also the 445 assignments of the courses were analyzed for spiritual formation components. The analysis of the transcript and quantitative data revealed the integration of introspection – man’s relationship with himself, vertical integration – man’s relationship with God, and horizontal integration – man’s relationship with others must be present to fully engage online learners in spiritual formation.