ASCCC OERI September 2024 Newsletter

Welcome to the Fall 2024 term and the 2024-2025 academic year. While there were no surprises over the summer, it was a busy one – and the year ahead looks to be as well. We're looking forward to catching up with you and learning about your OER-related needs and accomplishments.

During the Fall 2024 term OERI's twice monthly Friday Forum webinars will be on the 1st and the 3rd Friday of the month, from 10:30 am – 11:30 am, with the final Forum of the term – and the year – held on December 6th. As always, you can find registration information on our website and in our monthly newsletters.

• Looking for OER? •

The OERI has provided the following resources for faculty looking for OER:

- OER by Discipline
- OER by California State University General Education
- OER by the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)
- OER by Transfer Model Curriculum
- ASCCC OERI – Identified Gaps in OER Availability

In response to a request from the California Community College Chancellor's Office, the OERI has organized the resources in its curated collections into a single searchable database. Moving forward, this resource will include any identified gaps in OER availability (based on the courses required for Associate Degrees for Transfer and the general education areas of Cal-GETC) and OER being developed at California Community colleges. Access Open Educational Resources by C-ID to view this new resource.

• Share Your OER/ZTC Successes •

The Michelson 20MM Foundation - in collaboration with the OERI and other California Community College partners - has launched the ZTC Success Story Project! With the goal of educating policy makers and the broader public on the important work being done and its impact on students and faculty, we want to hear from you! From creating a

new OER textbook to entire ZTC degree pathways, or sharing personal stories related to ZTC degrees, your experiences are invaluable in shaping the future of the ZTC program and showcasing its success. Let's work together to highlight the amazing impact of our collective efforts! [Access the ZTC Success Story Project](#) to share your story.

• ZTC Acceleration Grant Collaboration Cohort Updates •

The ZTC Acceleration Grant Collaboration Cohort work continues into the fall 2024 term. While some of the Collaboration Cohorts were active through the summer, the majority were not, but the OERI is working to facilitate the conclusion of the work of all cohorts and will begin to publish preliminary reports for Cohorts in mid-September.

- Access the status of all cohorts at [ZTC Acceleration Grant Collaboration Cohort Information](#).
- Access finalized Collaboration Cohort reports at [ZTC Acceleration Grant Collaboration Cohort Outcomes](#).
- As of August 21, 2024, Collaboration Cohort reports are available for the following disciplines:
  - Geology
  - Humanities
  - Philosophy
  - Political Science
  - Social Work and Human Services

• Hitting The Books! OER Happy Hour - Wednesday, August 28 •

The OERI is pleased to share that the [Michelson 20MM Foundation](#), a generous supporter of OER work in California, is hosting a happy hour to connect with OER community members in the Los Angeles area. This is a fantastic opportunity to build our network and be part of a thriving open community in our own backyards. As the academic term begins, 20MM invites you to celebrate past successes, spotlight exciting current projects, and forge meaningful connections across systems of higher education.

Whether you are looking to network with OER practitioners, catch up on the latest OER news, or simply reflect on the summer, please consider attending.

Beverages and light appetizers will be provided. 20MM looks forward to learning how you're leveraging OER this academic year!

Find more information and RSVP at: tinyurl.com/OERHappy

• OERI Events – September OERI Friday Forums •

During the Fall 2024 academic term, the OERI Friday Forums will be held from 10:30 am – 11:30 am on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. All Friday Forum webinars are recorded and archived. The ASCCC OERI will provide automated captioning for all webinars. If you would like to request live human closed-captioning for any of our offerings, please contact us by e-mail at least 10 business days in advance.

OERI Friday Forums are intended for a diverse audience. Please share with your colleagues. We hope you all will join us!

Friday, September 6, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Open Educational Resources (OER) to Support Student Learning
Employing AI to create ancillary resources for OER is one of the many ways that generative AI can support both teaching and learning. While many faculty have experimented with free AI tools, many have not had the opportunity to investigate the more sophisticated tools that are not freely available. To maximize the potential of AI, what should you keep in mind when selecting such tools? Join us to explore the practical considerations for evaluating and selecting AI tools as well as view demonstrations on how to use AI to develop ancillary resources.
Register for Harnessing the Power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Open Educational Resources (OER) to Support Student Learning

Friday, September 20, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Fall 2024 Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Program – An Overview and Update
A year ago, colleges were determining how to use the funds they received from the Implementation Grant as well as rushing to identify ZTC pathways to apply for the Acceleration Grants that had recently been made available by the Chancellor's Office. Today, local ZTC leads are focused on ensuring that the ZTC pathways supported by Implementation Grant funds are available to students by the Fall 2025 deadline and that they meet the Fall 2026 deadline for pathways funded with Acceleration Grants. In addition to engaging in activities to facilitate ZTC pathway development, local ZTC leads are also asking questions about the reporting requirements associated with the receipt of funds and how new OER developed with ZTC funds will be shared. What information will be needed for the December 2024 ZTC reporting and expenditure progress reports? How will COOL4Ed be used to share resources? Join us to find out the latest on all of these topics – and to ask your questions.
Register for Fall 2024 Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Program – An Overview and Update