

Open Education Week March 2 - 6, 2020

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Open Educational Resources Initiative is pleased to announce its participation in Open Education Week. As explained on [the Open Education Week website](#), Open Education Week is a global event that seeks to raise awareness of free and open sharing in education and the benefits they bring to teachers and learners. Coordinated by the Open Education Consortium, the event showcases projects, resources, and ideas from around the world that demonstrate open education in practice. The open education movement seeks to reduce barriers, increase access and drive improvements in education through open sharing and digital formats. Open education includes free and open access to platforms, tools and resources in education, including learning materials, course materials, videos, assessment tools, research, study groups, and textbooks, all available for free use and modification under an open license.



The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Open Educational Resources Initiative Open Education Week Webinars - 1:00pm

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) is a state-funded faculty-led effort to increase the use of OER in California's 114 community colleges. Despite the system's size, mechanisms for communication among the faculty are well-developed and systems are in place to recognize curricular commonalities across the colleges that all prepare students for work and/or transfer to private institutions or one of our public higher education systems (i.e., California State University or University of California). While the OERI's focus thus far has been on our colleges, we are celebrating Open Education Week by sharing our work with the broader OER community.

Monday, March 2, 1-2pm | [Register Now!](#)

ASCCC OERI Resource Showcase

Since the ASCCC OER Initiative launched in January of 2019, we have established a structure to facilitate OER-related communication between the initiative and our 114 colleges. As we start our second year, we are identifying how best to facilitate communication among the colleges and continuing our efforts to identify and prioritize the system's OER needs. Using the information gathered through these various interactions, we are planning to initiate targeted resource development in the future. This follows two

rounds of funding in which we asked faculty to propose the development of OER that would meet the needs of their discipline. During this webinar, we will provide a brief overview of our funding process and showcase OER developed during our 2019 Summer/Fall funding cycle. In addition, we will share an overview of resources to be developed during 2020.

Tuesday, March 3, 1-2pm | [Register Now!](#)

California Community Colleges - Local OER Efforts

Local OER expansion relies on many small acts by courageous people on campus. Often faculty fail to see how their discrete actions make a big difference. During this webinar hear from California Community college faculty who are doing the hard work of increasing OER awareness and adoption. Learn about small acts that have made a big difference.

Wednesday, March 4, 1-2pm | [Register Now!](#)

From Locally Developed ZTC Pathways to Statewide OER Degrees

Creating a degree pathway with Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) materials is a daunting task for any college. What if we change the conversation from focusing on ZTC and a single pathway to creating OER degrees? If our goals are inclusion and access, shouldn't our ZTC and OER efforts emphasize benefitting the state – and beyond? Come have a conversation with OERI about this new approach to OER adoption.

Thursday, March 5, 1-2pm | [Register Now!](#)

California Dreaming - Coordinating Statewide Efforts in the Golden State

Since its inception, the OERI has worked tirelessly to bring together OER-related efforts within the California Community College system and beyond. How do you establish effective collaboration among 114 accredited community colleges residing in 72 districts, integrate the OER previously developed or in the process of development supported by various private and public funding streams, and identify (and leverage) intersections with your transfer partners? Join us for a look at how we're bringing community into our efforts to make OER available to the over 2.1 million students that we serve.

Friday, March 6, 1-2pm | [Register Now!](#)

What's Next to Move the Needle?

What's next for OERI? Learn more about the future plans of OERI and contribute some suggestions! This will be an open forum interactive webinar.