ZTC Pathways Grant

Academic Senate Information and Update

Tiffany Morgan tmorgan@losmedanos.edu

OER

Open educational resources are high-quality teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and repurposing by others.

ZTC

Zero textbook cost courses are sections with no cost to students for required instructional materials.

Students may still be required to purchase instructional supplies (scantrons, uniforms, equipment, etc.).

High Textbook Cost Hurts Students

2023 4CD Student Textbook Survey

1,320 4CD students surveyed

- 51% unable to afford all their books within the first 3 weeks of class
- 23% dropped a class because of textbook cost
- 33% avoided taking a full load of classes because of textbook cost
- 36% worked extra hours to afford textbooks
- 17% skipped meals to afford textbooks

Overview of the ZTC Pathways Grant

- A statewide initiative from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
- Goal: develop and implement ZTC Degree Pathways

- What is a ZTC Degree?
 - A student can come to a college and complete all the courses in a CTE certificate or a degree (major, general education, and electives) with zero textbook costs.

Faculty Recruitment Goals

We're recruiting faculty to:

- Adopt, adapt, or create OER/ utilize other free materials to convert courses to ZTC
- Recruitment focused on CALGETC courses, with special emphasis on Area 6 courses
- Collaborate on building ZTC pathways in your discipline

Incentives and Support

- OER and ZTC Training through Canvas Course
- Team of OER and ZTC experts for 1:1 support
- Stipend awarded to faculty upon completion of approved project



ZTC Degree Pathways Grant

Let's remove cost barriers together.

Questions?

Email Tiffany Morgan for more details

tmorgan@losmedanos.edu