

OER and ZTC Collaboration in a Multi-College District

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District Textbook Affordability Task Force

The District Textbook Affordability Task Force is a districtwide team of faculty, staff, and administrators who work together to create processes and programs that lower textbook costs for students. We do this by:

- Originally created to adopt a district-wide definition of low-cost textbooks
- Coordinating support and training for faculty who want to adopt Open Educational Resources (OER) for their courses
- Working with campus libraries to purchase textbooks that students can borrow
- Collaborating with our campus bookstores
- Creating infrastructure and processes to designate Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) and Low Textbook Cost sections in the class schedules
- Promoting OER and ZTC awareness to faculty and deans
- Promote Zero Textbook Cost to students

College Committees

- [ARC Affordable Learning Materials Committee](#)
- [CRC Affordable Educational Resources Committee](#)
- [FLC Affordable Learning Materials Committee](#)
- [SCC Affordable Educational Resources Committee](#)

XB12 Data Gathering

ZTC Designation Form in PeopleSoft

Pros

- Faculty self report
- Tied directly to online schedule
- Real-time updates

Cons

- Faculty self report
- Some glitches with lab/lecture courses

Form is linked through Canvas Help Menu
and in bookstore communications to faculty



Add/Remove the ZTC Symbol : Add or Remove the ZTC Symbol for Your Classes

This form allows you to add or remove the Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) symbol for the courses in which you're listed as the Primary Instructor. ZTC mean

Faculty Information

Use the dropdown menu to select the semester you want to edit.

Empl ID

*Semester

Classes in this Semester

The table below identifies your courses/class sections for the semester you selected. All class sections must be marked with a textbook cost attribute.

To support the goal of lowering textbook costs for students, the California Community Colleges are gathering data about course sections that have zero employee page, or contact your area dean.

Click on Submit once you have completed your updates. Please note that this form does not replace the need to submit your textbook adoptions with t

Current ZTC Designation	*Add/Remove ZTC Symbol	Which Textbook Cost Designation Should I Choose?
1	<input type="text"/>	Which Textbook Cost Designation Should I Choose?



ZTC on Los Rios College Websites

- ARC: [Zero Textbook Costs](#)
- CRC: [Zero Textbook Costs](#)
- FLC: [Zero Textbook Costs](#)
- SCC: [Zero Textbook Costs](#)

ZTC Degrees and Certificates

CRC is piloting the use of Program Maps to further advertise ZTC courses, degrees, and certificates.

- [ZTC Degree/Certificate webpage](#)
- Sample program map: [Anthropology AS Degree](#)

Upcoming Projects

- Evaluating current Low Cost definition (\$40 or less)
- Promoting outreach and collaboration among like disciplines at each college
- Potential collaboration with LibreTexts on Federal [Open Textbooks Pilot grant](#) focusing on open homework for non-STEM courses