



## OER Initiative Newsletter – Mid-Summer Update 2024

Greetings! The ASCCC Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) provides statewide professional development and funding opportunities to support the expansion of the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) in the California Community Colleges. “OER” refers to teaching and learning materials that are freely available online for everyone to use and includes course modules, lectures, homework assignments, lab and classroom activities, pedagogical materials, games, simulations, and many more resources contained in digital media collections from around the world (as defined by OER Commons). OER most often refers to openly-licensed textbooks and ancillary materials that are available at little or no cost to students. The OERI facilitates and coordinates the curation and development of OER texts, ancillaries, and support systems. In addition, the OERI supports local OER implementation efforts by offering professional development, technical support, and technical resources.

The monthly OERI Newsletter provides recipients with an update on the work of the OERI and a calendar of upcoming OERI sponsored events.

### • ADAPT Updates •

The OERI joined LibreTexts at the Online Teaching Conference to connect with the distance education community about OER and ADAPT. It was great to see many of you and to spread the word about all the great OER and ZTC work that is in-progress across the state.

[ADAPT](#), the open homework system within LibreTexts, allows users to build formative and summative assessments using WebWork, H5P, or Native QTI. It is also possible to create accessible alternatives to questions and assessments. Faculty are continually developing and sharing new questions and activity types, so the way in which you can assess your students’ learning is endless.

In addition to providing a place to access and create assessments, ADAPT is also a tool for connecting open homework systems to the Canvas gradebook. The OERI’s series of webinars is intended to introduce users to ADAPT.

All attendees will need to create a free ADAPT instructor account to fully participate in these webinars.

How do you access ADAPT?

[Instructor ADAPT Registration](https://adapt.libretexts.org/register/instructor) (<https://adapt.libretexts.org/register/instructor>)

[Archives of all OERI webinars are available on the OERI website.](#) If you are interested in ADAPT, the LibreTexts answer to your homework needs, you can now access the 1<sup>st</sup> three webinars in what will be a five part series. Details about Level 4 can be found below. Level 5 will be scheduled in early August and will focus on learning trees – the ADAPT approach to adaptive learning.

### Upcoming ADAPT Webinars

**Monday, July 22, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

#### **ADAPT Level 4 – Creating and Using Question Banks in ADAPT**

After you've learned to create activities in ADAPT, how do you deploy those activities within a course so that each student receives a randomized selection of activities? In other words, how do you organize your ADAPT activities into questions banks that can then populate your assessments? Join us to learn how to do this in ADAPT.

[Register for ADAPT Level 4 – Creating and Using Question Banks in ADAPT](#)

### Archived ADAPT Webinars

[ADAPT Level 1 – Accessing ADAPT and Finding Existing Assessments](#)

[ADAPT Level 2 – Creating in ADAPT](#)

[ADAPT Level 3 – Using ADAPT in Canvas](#)

## **• All About LibreTexts •**

Did you miss this year's annual LibreFest workshop? Want to learn more about the LibreTexts open homework and assessment platform, ADAPT? Join us virtually August 6, 2024, before the start of the Cal OER conference, and get an in-depth look at how the ADAPT platform promises to change the landscape of online homework forever. You will learn how to: build a course, make assignments, add questions to assignments, cloning an assignment, building learning trees, and more.

ADAPT is currently free for all California educators thanks to a grant from the [California Education Learning Lab \(CELL\)](#).

Registration for this free workshop requires that you have a LibreTexts account. Consequently, the registration link will require you to log into LibreOne or create a new account. [Register for August 6 LibreTexts workshop.](#)

### • Cal OER 2024 – Register Today •

The fourth annual [Cal OER Conference](#) will be held virtually on August 7 – 8, 2024. This event is open to everyone, so we hope you will attend and consider presenting. The theme for the 2024 conference is Responsive Pedagogy: Extending Local Innovation to Advance Global Impact.

Cal OER focuses on OER efforts and impact, broadly defined, across the state of California and especially across the state's three public higher education systems, the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

[Access the 2024 Cal OER Program](#) and [register for Cal OER.](#)

### • Collaboration Cohort Updates •

The OERI expects to start posting selected Collaboration Cohort reports within the next few weeks. When they are posted, we will announce it via the OERI Canvas course and the ZTC listserv. Please [self-enroll in the OERI Canvas course](#) to receive the most timely updates. If you need assistance, or have any questions, [please email the OERI](#). "Enrollment" is necessary to participate in discussions and receive messages via Conversations. Access the course directly: [tinyurl.com/ASCCC-OpenEd](https://tinyurl.com/ASCCC-OpenEd).

### • OERI Discipline Leads Wanted •

The OERI is currently recruiting Discipline Leads for 2024 – 2025 and new Leads who wish to can begin their work over the summer. Discipline Leads receive a stipend of \$500 per term for completing their assigned tasks and are also eligible to receive a stipend for taking the OERI's courses. [Read more about the Discipline Lead role](#) and the process for applying.

The OERI encourages faculty in all disciplines to apply. While we are presently recruiting Leads for the following disciplines, we are always happy to consider other disciplines as well.

- Communication Studies
- Education
- Film, Television, and Electronic Media
- History
- Humanities
- Music
- Social Justice Studies
- Social Work and Human Services

### • 2024 – 2025 OER Liaisons •

Your local OER Liaison is appointed by your academic senate president. If you are not sure who that is at your college, please [access the ASCCC Directory](#) to see if your college had a Liaison for this past academic year. While most colleges do have someone in place, vacancies can occur. If your college needs an OER Liaison and you are interested in learning more about the OER Liaison role, please see the [OER Liaison section on the OERI website](#).