

Project Background

In April 2019, BCcampus received funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training to create high-quality, useful teaching and learning tools for trades instructors who want to adopt open educational resources (OER) with the goal of creating Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC) in Trades training. ZTC programs enable apprentices to earn credentials without incurring costs for textbooks.

Student Benefits

FREE TEXTBOOKS FOR APPRENTICES

When a textbook is too expensive, it affects apprenticeship success:

- increases burden on apprentices who are already on a reduced employment income
- adds to the ancillary costs of third party certification exams
- may cause an apprentice to interrupt or halt their regular technical training schedule, increasing the time needed to complete their technical training

DAY ONE ACCESS TO COURSE MATERIALS

- Perpetual access - never expires

MEETS ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Available in print or digital formats
- Students can choose the best format for their needs
- Can be used with screen readers or magnified

Faculty Benefits

SUITE OF OER AVAILABLE FOR TRADES INSTRUCTORS INCLUDING:

- Textbooks
- PowerPoint slides
- Test banks
- Activities

EDITABLE, CUSTOMIZABLE & ALIGNED WITH CURRICULUM

- Easily updated when standards or curriculum changes

ACADEMIC FREEDOM TO MODIFY COURSE MATERIALS



Get Involved

We are working with post-secondary Trades programs across the province and are looking for faculty and subject matter experts who are:

- Content authors
- Content reviewers
- Ancillary creators
- Champions who will promote this project

Call For Proposals

BCcampus is offering creation and adaptation grants. More info coming Fall 2019!

More Info

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