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MC Online and Academic Support

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Presentation Overview

- MC Online: The Virtual Campus
- MC Open: Open Educational Resources
- Academic Support: Learning Centers, Achieving the Promise Academy, and Center for Teaching and Learning
- Resources
- Q & A



What do you know about MC Online?







Recent Accolades in Online Education

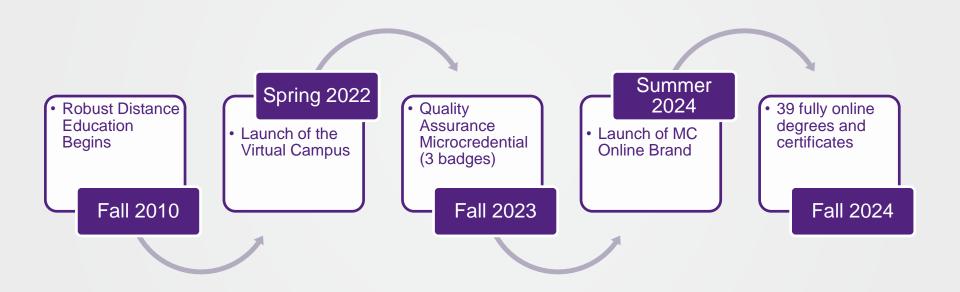








MC Online: The Virtual Campus



National Distance Learning Week is celebrated during the first week of November.



Selected Priorities of MC Online

Expansion of online offerings (credit and non-credit)

Increase in Quality Matters (QM) certified Common Courses, many offered as Z courses

Increase in badges awarded as part of the Quality Assurance microcredential

Develop and foster internal and external partnerships

Increase in faculty participating in relevant trainings (e.g., DFTL, OT, HyFlex) and fellowships



Required MC Online Faculty Trainings

Digital Fundamentals for Teaching and Learning (DFTL) – asynchronous 4-week training

Required of all credit faculty (if they had not completed SRT)

Required for in-person, remote, and Common Course teaching

Online Teaching Training (OT) – asynchronous 7-week training

Required to develop and deliver fully online/ asynchronous courses, including Common Courses

Required to become Common Course Coordinator

Prior Learning Assessment (for newer faculty within their first two semesters) HyFlex Training – in-person 3day training

Required to develop and deliver HyFlex courses

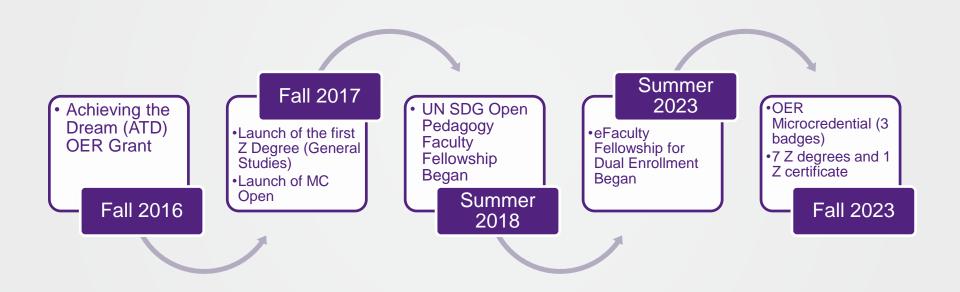


What do you know about MC Open?





MC Open: Open Educational Resources



Global Open Education Week is celebrated during the first week of March.





Adopt E-Textbooks for Z-Courses

Montgomery College Library supports college affordability and z-course creation by helping faculty discover and adopt no-cost, high-quality e-books and e-textbooks for their courses. This service supports the MC Open initiative, which aims to "leverage pedagogy that fosters student success while reducing costs and increasing access to course materials."

RaptorSelect is a self-service platform that allows faculty to find and adopt an e-book or e-textbook to use as their course text. RaptorSelect contains thousands of high-quality titles on a wide variety of academic subjects. All items in the RaptorSelect platform will be made available to you and your students completely free of cost. RaptorSelect contains three types of e-books:

- Open Educational Resources
- MC Library E-Books
- Open Access E-Books

Procedure

Find an E-Book or E-Textbook for a Z-Course

- Search RaptorSelect for an item to adopt as your course text by keyword, title, or author.
- Preview as many titles as you would like until you locate one you would like to adopt.
- Click "Adopt This Book" to select a title for your course.

If you can't find what you need, contact Collection Development Librarian Beth Thoms at beth.thoms@montgomerycollege.edu.

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What do you know about Academic Support?





Academic Support



MC LEARNING CENTERS

Strive. Thrive. Succeed.



(ATPA)

Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)

Learning Commons

Faculty and Staff Professional Development



The Learning Centers: REIMAGINED!



13 Physical Locations and Virtual Settings WRLC (3), DLC (2), STEM (5), ECEC, Academic Success Center, Virtual



Services for Students
Discipline-specific tutoring,
workshops, calculator loans,
laptop loans



Dual Language SupportOver 30 languages



Collaborative Initiatives
Classroom orientations, field
trips to centers, services
delivered to the physical or
virtual classroom



Peer Educator Program
Scaled transformative
experiential learning
opportunity with intentional
training and other PD



Data Collection and AnalysisStarfish and Brainfuse



Achieving the Promise Academy (ATPA): REIMAGINED!



1:1 coaching to support students' academic, personal, and career growth Available virtual during winter and summer sessions

BRAND NEW: Focus is on motivation, time management, self-efficacy, and goal attainment (Grounded in the CARES Network—MC's holistic advising model)

ENHANCED: Includes StudentLingo, programbased activities/events, and newly launched peer coaching



Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL): REIMAGINED!

Instructional Designers

Faculty PD (aligned with Strategic Plan and AMP across 5 themes)

- MC Online Collaboration
- Student Success Symposium (Professional Week: August/ January)
- Faculty Fridays
- Open Labs (Blackboard Ultra, Blackboard Ally, Starfish, Generative AI,
- Discipline-based PD

Training Coordinators and MC Staff

Staff PD (aligned with Strategic Plan across 5 themes)

- Summer Staff PD
- Year-round Cohort Programs (e.g., LDI, MCM)



Resources

- MC Online: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/mc-online/index.html
- MC Open: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/offices/elite/mc-open-faculty.html
- Learning Centers:
 https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/learning-centers/index.html
- Achieving the Promise Academy:
 https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/support/achieving-the-promise-academy/index.html
- Center for Teaching and Learning:
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Questions & Answers



