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There are a lot of things that can get in the way of a good education. The cost of textbooks shouldn't be one of them.

The dramatic increase in the cost of textbooks has created equity and accessibility barriers for students. The College of Marin is actively addressing these through the Zero Textbook Cost Program (ZTC).

Students: Find ZTC classes in the online schedule designated with the ZTC icon. 

This program enables students to earn an associate degree, a career technical education certificate or earn credits to transfer to a four-year university without having to pay for textbooks and other instructional materials. Experienced instructors, together with Open Educational Resources (OER) and other high-quality, no-fee materials, are the foundation of ZTC. High-quality textbooks, readings and all other materials needed to take these courses are provided free of charge to students. Please contact the course instructor to find out about any specific technology requirements.

How does it work?

ZTC class instructors use Open Educational Resources (OERs), ebooks, readers or the Library Textbook Program to develop instructional materials. Before registering for a ZTC class, learn where and how to get the books and other required materials by speaking with the course instructor.

If you're an Educator and you want to jump right in and start supporting student equity and success, use our Fast FAQ.

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