

Executive Summary

Lowering the Cost of Course Materials with Free and Open Educational Resources

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Are you concerned that the cost of textbooks has become a significant affordability barrier for your students? The SkillsCommons Affordable Learning Solutions portal offers a solution, allowing you to find, adopt, and adapt free career and technical training resources, such as high quality eTextbooks, online and hybrid courses, virtual labs, and more. The portal also provides tools, templates, and strategies that your institution can use to design and implement a textbook affordability program.

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