

## **Open Educational Resources (OERs)**

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Open educational resources (OER) are accessible, openly licensed instructional materials that are free to access.

Examples of open educational resources include full courses, course material, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.

## OERs and Low-Cost Textbooks Initiatives at Garrett College

Garrett College first began using Open Educational Resources and incorporating low-cost textbook initiatives in the fall of 2017. We believe providing our students with free and/or low-cost textbook materials is one of the many benefits of attending Garrett College as a student.

With the rising costs in college tuition and textbooks across the nation, many students are searching for additional cost-saving measures. Unfortunately, many students choose to opt out of purchasing textbooks, which ultimately leads to decreased levels of success in the classroom.

We want our students to be successful both in and out of the classroom. We believe offering textbooks at little to no cost is a huge benefit for students enrolled at Garrett College.



Curious to see which types of courses at Garrett College utilize OERs or low-cost textbooks? Go to the table on the GC OERs website to find GC courses with textbooks and course fees totaling less than \$40. www.garrettcollege.edu/oers.php



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