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New Repository of Online Courses for Faculty

Faculty who want to teach online but aren't ready to create a course on their own have a new resource available to them.

Thanks to a new national repository of online courses faculty can now try teaching online without creating new content. And they can do it free. The Ohio Learning Network (www.oln.org) in partnership with the National Repository of Online Courses (NROC, <http://www.montereyinstitute.org/nroc.html>) will make several courses available via the OLN statewide shared CLE project. Kent State University, The University of Rio Grande, Youngstown State University, The University of Cincinnati, Edison State Community College, and Marion Technical College are members of this project. Courses will be available for a one-year free pilot project.

"One of the goals of OLN's shared e-learning infrastructure is faculty sharing learning objects and entire courses within and among Ohio institutions. By hosting the NROC content in OLN's shared CLE environments, faculty at seven Ohio institutions will have access to shared content and will practice integrating someone else's content into their course," said Cable Green, project manager.

The National Repository offers quality educational content via instructionally-rich, multi-modal online courses. Once fully launched, the project, managed by the Monterey Institute for Technology and Education (www.mite.org) will provide courses with affordable licensing fees, development guidelines and standards for high-quality online courses, and a focus on collaboration that improves quality and eliminates redundancies in course development efforts. All of the courses contributed to the NROC library are from leading online learning programs across the country and are required to meet very high standards of scholarship, instructional value, and presentational impact. The project is funded by a \$1.5 million donation from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and is being overseen by the Monterey Institute for Technology and Education (MITE).

Courses available to OLN members are:

- American Government
- US History -Semester 1 & 2
- General Physics-Semester 1 & 2 (calculus-based)
- General Calculus - Semester 1 & 2
- Introductory Physics - Semester 1 & 2 (algebra-based)
- Introductory Calculus - Semester 1 & 2
- Environmental Science

OLN (www.olin.org) is a consortium of 71 of Ohio's public and private colleges and universities and is an initiative of the Ohio Board of Regents. OLN helps Ohioans access higher education, helps build partnerships among higher education, schools, businesses and communities, and promotes and supports e-learning in the state of Ohio.

NROC is a project of the **Monterey Institute for Technology and Education** (MITE), an educational non-profit organization committed to helping meet society's need for access to effective, high-quality educational opportunities in an era of rapid economic, social, and personal change. The Monterey Institute for Technology and Education was founded as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in 2003. Learn more at: <http://www.montereyinstitute.org>