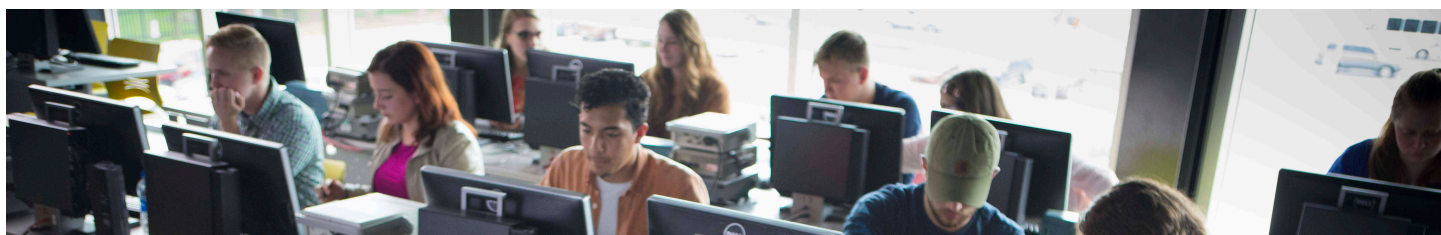# CCCU ONLINE COURSE SHARING CONSORTIUM

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WHAT IS THE CCCU ONLINE CONSORTIUM?

This innovative consortium enables CCCU institutions to share online courses across a common platform with other institutions that share a Christ-centered mission. Participating institutions can strengthen enrollment by expanding their curriculum and academic offerings with minimal expense, while also improving student retention and degree completion rates. CCCU institutions have the freedom to select which courses from partner institutions are open to their students, who can take these courses as part of their regular semester block as well as during the winter or summer.

WHAT MAKES THIS CONSORTIUM UNIQUE?

This program is different from other consortia in that all participating institutions share a commitment to Christian faith integration in academic courses. That means that your students will be taking courses that reflect a Christian worldview even when they take consortium courses outside of their home institution. In addition, faculty control the courses that are available to their students, thereby ensuring close alignment with the curriculum at their home institution. This alignment of faith commitment and academics enables CCCU institutions to pursue strategies that will increase revenue, retention, and completion.

HOW DOES THE CONSORTIUM WORK?

Under the consortium, the home school (the institution with the student) transcribes the credit for the course delivered by the teaching school (the institution with the online course), billing their student and paying a discounted price for an empty seat. This means that both institutions generate new revenue, and the student can access financial aid, apply the credits toward part and full-time status, and apply the grade toward their campus GPA. Through a cross registration platform built by Acadeum, home schools can easily find, review, and enroll their students in courses from teaching schools listed on the site. Grades, financial aid, and other information are securely exchanged through the platform as are the billing and payments between schools.

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INSTITUTION AND STUDENT SUCCESS:

The CCCU Online Course Sharing Consortium can improve student outcomes by offering:

▸ Summer, winter, and short-semester terms for students who need courses to stay on track to graduate, replace a failed course, maintain athletic eligibility, change a major, add a minor or specialization, maintain financial aid requirements, and more.

▸ More options to retain and recover students who withdraw, are not in good academic standing, or get dismissed.

▸ Back-up courses for under-enrolled programs or to replace under-enrolled sections.

▸ A full inventory of online courses for non-traditional, transfer and other students to complete requirements for general education or graduation.

▸ Specialized courses to create new programs, minors, and concentrations.

▸ Back-up courses for academic planning and unintended issues in advising or course scheduling.

▸ Options for entrance into college (i.e. developmental Math or English), graduate school pre-requisites, and other courses as needed.

The CCCU Online Course Sharing Consortium can strengthen institutional outcomes by creating:

▸ Opportunities to create new academic programs at reduced cost by incorporating support courses from the Consortium.

▸ New opportunities to generate revenue as both a home and/or teaching institution.

▸ Access to courses to test new programs and move fixed costs to variable costs (per seat/student).

▸ Options to replace under-enrolled sections and programs as well as independent studies and faculty overloads.

▸ Online courses to meet curriculum-related strategic goals at your institution.