Getting Started with Open Educational Resources (OER) @ NSCC

Consult
Are OER a good fit for your program?
Speak with your Faculty Working Group Chair/ Curriculum Consultant to discuss (considering any possible program review implications).

Search
Consult the Copyright Office or your Campus Librarian. Request a consultation or request a curated list of OER to match your course outcomes.
Use the NSCC OER Guide to search independently.

Evaluate any relevant search results
- does it meet the course learning outcomes?
- does it meet students’ learning needs? (e.g. multimedia options, interactivity)
- does it meet accessibility requirements? [Nova Scotia Accessibility Act]
- is the content accurate, level appropriate, and provide a Canadian context (if required)?
- does it require extensive editing or updating?
- are there instructor materials? (quizzes, slides, test banks, etc.)
- does the license allow reuse for educational purposes?

I found an entire resource or part of a resource that is perfect!
- Contact copyright@nscc.ca to ensure the license is open and learn how to attribute it properly.
- Share what you’ve found for review with your Faculty Working Group Chair/Curriculum Consultant.
- There are supports you may be interested in. Let the Copyright Office/Educational Technology know so we can help. For example:
  - Integrate OER into Brightspace.
  - Activate or add accessibility compatibility.
  - Add to NSCC Libraries Pressbooks, and the NSCC OER Repository.

I found something BUT it needs some work to make it work for my course.
- Contact copyright@nscc.ca to investigate the license for the possibility of modification and reuse.
- Consider how much work it will take to modify the resource.
- Map out a plan. Contact your School Manager/Curriculum Consultant/ Copyright Office to discuss.
- Contact the Copyright Office for information and support about OER editing tools.
- Other questions? Email copyright@nscc.ca
- If the modification will be a large project, speak to your School Manager/Dean to explore possible assistance or funding.

I found multiple sources I could combine.
- Contact copyright@nscc.ca to investigate the licenses for the possibility of modification and reuse.
- Consider how much work it will take to combine the resources.
- Map out a plan. Contact your School Manager/Curriculum Consultant/ Copyright Office to discuss.
- Support is available for combining OER. Contact the Copyright Office for more information. There are also resources to support best practices.
- Other questions? Email copyright@nscc.ca
- If the adaptation will be a large project, speak to your School Manager/Dean to explore possible assistance or funding.

I didn’t find anything useful.
If there are no existing OER for your discipline, creating your own is an option. BUT this can be a very large time and resource commitment.

Before you begin:
- Ensure you and your Academic Chair/ School Manager/Dean are aware of the work involved before proceeding.
- Map out a plan. Contact your School Manager/Curriculum Consultant/ Copyright Office to discuss.
- Review the OER creation guides and best practices on the NSCC OER Guide.
- Consult with copyright@nscc.ca to review options for creating and hosting.

PUBLISH AND SHARE IN NSCC LIBRARIES PRESSBOOKS AND OER REPOSITORY

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