

What is Richland Access?

Richland Access is Richland Community College's innovative program that automatically provides students with required course materials on or before the first day of class. This program helps students eliminate stress, save money and begin the academic semester successfully.

Does Richland Community College cover all students?

Richland Access is available for all students.

What course materials are included in Richland Access?

Richland Access includes digital and physical textbooks, online access codes, other digital materials, consumables, etc. Course materials that are recommended but not required, covered by program fees or course fees are currently not included in Richland Access.

Will faculty retain academic freedom of classroom materials?

Yes. There will be no changes to current adoptions and faculty retain 100% academic freedom in choice of course materials.

Do I have a choice of new or used materials?

Faculty should submit required materials (textbooks, consumables, online resources, software, supplies, etc.) into FAST during the adoption period. It is important that faculty submit all required materials so that students receive what they need by the first day of classes. To submit adoptions, visit fast.ecampus.com/richland. (Log in with your Richland Community College credentials.)

How does this impact OER adoptions?

OER and/or library resources are incorporated into the program. OER adoptions and library content remain highly encouraged as that only lowers the cost of the service. Adopters have the ability to notate that OER is used for a course in FAST & specify those materials so that they may be supported appropriately.

Where can I view support materials on utilizing the FAST Online Adoption Portal?

Review "[How to Submit Course Materials](#)" for step-by-step instructions on how to submit your adoptions online. In addition, you can visit the help section of FAST once you are logged in.

What format will the classroom materials be in?

Digital materials will automatically be delivered through Canvas. Print materials can be picked up at the Campus Store.

Will the students get to keep their materials?

Certain textbooks will be identified as books for students to keep; these textbooks will vary by major/program. Otherwise, physical books that are not consumables must be returned at the semester's end. Digital content will typically last six months or until the course closes in Canvas.

What if a student needs the same book for the next semester?

For a continuation, allowing books to carry over from one semester to the next, the student needs to enroll in the course for the following term, and the instructor must request the same course material, including the exact ISBN for the next term. In this case, the student will not be required to return the book and instead will keep it through the end of the following term. The student's due date on the Student Dashboard will update as early as four weeks prior to the next term, or as late as 48 hours after enrollment.

If the textbook is in a digital format, can the student choose to print?

Students can print portions of digital textbooks on their own. There is also the option to purchase or rent additional formats, other than what is provided within the course material bundle.

What if a student needs special accommodations?

Students needing book format accommodations should have a request submitted to the textbook publisher by the Disabilities Coordinator at Richland Community College. If the publisher cannot provide an alternate format free of charge, you may send the request to the Richland Community College team at eCampus for assistance (richland@ecampus.com).

Do students have a choice of new or used materials?

Print materials will, in most cases, be used.

Can financial aid be used to cover the cost of Richland Access?

Yes.