

# How CCBC Grew Online Learning While Supporting Student Progress

Expanding Student Access and Delivering Certificates



## COURSE SHARING CHAMPION

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The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) transforms lives by providing an accessible, affordable, and high-quality education that prepares students for transfer and career success, strengthens the regional workforce, and enriches the community. CCBC is also a member of the Online Course Sharing Consortium of the League for Innovation in the Community College. The League looks for ways to help colleges cultivate student success and persist to completion in achieving their educational goals. As higher education enrollment began to trend downwards through the mid 2010's, CCBC's leaders began to think about ways in which online learning could benefit not only local students, but also students in the region and potentially across the nation.

The Community College of Baltimore County partnered with Acadeum to boost enrollment and to share its mission and robust online programming beyond the Baltimore region. Course sharing has enabled CCBC to better serve students and accomplish strategic initiatives, like growing online learning. CCBC now offers 34 fully online degrees with 30 fully online credit certificates and 13 certificates through continuing education.

## CCBC Fast Facts



- Baltimore, Maryland
- Public institution
- 50,000 students
- Started course sharing in the fall 2022



**34 degrees and 30 credit certificates offered completely online**

**90+** students served in one year

“Coming out of the pandemic, CCBC asked: what do we do with our online courses? Do we say that was good enough just for that timeframe? Do we find another way to utilize them?”

- Steve Kabrhel

# Expanding Student Access

As a Teaching Institution within the Acadeum Network, CCBC plans to offer 459 intersessions and full-term Summer and Fall courses. The course offerings include 267 unique courses ranging from general education, lab sciences, languages, and more. In the 2022-23 academic year, CCBC has served 75 students, providing them with seats in education courses they couldn't get because their institution didn't have the enrollments to satisfy the course, the course didn't fit in their schedule, or the student transferred to the institution and needed one course to complete.



Acadeum supports CCBC as they expand access to students. Bilateral agreements within the consortium allow CCBC to facilitate getting students into the course without going through the application and transfer process.

“Course sharing fits our mission of serving students where they are.”

- Steve Kabrhel

## How The Community College of Baltimore County is using course sharing to meet student needs and expand access to online learning and certificate programs:

- + Building new on-ramps and off-ramps for learners who may need to integrate education and career milestones along a lifelong learning pathway
- + Increasing student access to courses that will prepare them for college, career, and life after coursework
- + Enabling learners to succeed with industry-relevant skills in addition to a degree
- + Filling open course seats and building alternative revenue streams with course demand