OCICU
Online Consortium of Independent Colleges & Universities

THE ONLINE CONSORTIUM OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (OCICU) is a virtual academic consortium in which member institutions collaborate in sharing online, credit-bearing courses and programs.

OCICU connects universities in the first online consortium of like-minded institutions. Through the OCICU, member institutions are able to draw upon each other’s expertise in various coursework fields, thus expanding their offerings to their students.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
When it comes to online programs, many independent, non-profit, private institutions lag behind the resource-rich, for-profit and public competition. OCICU members can start an online program or expand their existing program(s), while minimizing high technology and course development costs. With more than 1,000 courses available, OCICU members can review, select, and adopt courses that fit their individual institutional needs. OCICU membership benefits include:

• Low risk, low cost entry into online learning
• Quick start capability and potential to dramatically increase student enrollments and revenue
• Expansion of institutional mission through outreach to new student groups
• Ability to create new degrees, specializations and certificates supplemented by multiple providers
• Rich menu of academic offerings reviewed and selected by member institutions
• Access to special interest courses
• Invitations to annual conferences and webinars
• Opportunities for communication and collaboration among a membership of more than 75 colleges and universities

BECOME A MEMBER
Membership is limited to independent, not-for-profit, higher education institutions. To become a member, an institution pays a one-time application fee. Membership is maintained with payment of course enrollment fees and a small annual membership fee. Member institutions are in control of selecting and approving OCICU courses they would like to offer their students.