

## April 2020

Greetings, Blackboard teachers!

As you are aware, Manitoba Education has entered a partnership with Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Corporation to make a new online Learning Management System (LMS) available to Manitoba learners and educators. As of July 1, 2020, you will no longer have access to Blackboard Learn.

Effective April 6, 2020, the new Brightspace LMS will be used for all new teacher registrations and new WBC course requests. Blackboard Learn will continue to be available for delivery of existing courses until June 30, 2020.

Access to the new LMS may be requested by filling out the Brightspace Teacher Registration form at the link below:

English: <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/teacher-brightspace/>

French: <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/teacher-brightspace/index.fr.html>

S Refer to the attached document for more information. You will no longer need to use the Web-Based Course Request System. Instead, you will use Brightspace to request courses and enroll your students.

Note that requests for ISO Reference Courses will be available in Brightspace as of May 1, 2020. The process to request a Reference Course will not change. Visit <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/iso/reference.html> for more information.

### **Upcoming Brightspace Training**

- Training in the new LMS is now available by request. To request training, please contact Chris Fredrickson by email at [Chris.Fredrickson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Chris.Fredrickson@gov.mb.ca) or by phone at 204-891-0506.
- Workshops are posted on the [Workshop Registration System](#)
- A training event is planned for MTS PD Day on October 25, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Fredrickson by email at [Chris.Fredrickson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Chris.Fredrickson@gov.mb.ca) or by phone at 204-891-0506.

### **Frequently Asked Questions for Web Based Courses**

#### ***Will my personal copy of a Master course be moved to Brightspace?***

Your current course copy will not be available in Brightspace. Manitoba Education has updated its Master courses to align with the tools available in Brightspace. Teachers must request a copy of the updated Master course to use with their students in Brightspace.

***How do I keep the content I created in Blackboard?***

If you have created content, assignments, tests or activities in your course that you want to keep, you can save it to your computer or storage device. Once we transition to Brightspace, you can upload your content to your copy of the course in Brightspace.

***Will my students' information transfer to Brightspace?***

No, any work that has been completed by a student will not transfer to Brightspace. Please inform your students and remind them to save copies of their work on their computer or storage device.