



## Education

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### **WEB-BASED COURSES Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **What are Web-Based Courses?**

Web-Based Courses (WBCs) are composed of Learning Modules. Each learning module corresponds to one or more areas of study for the respective subject of study and grade level. Learning modules are made up of one or more “Learning Experiences” (lessons) that meet specific learning outcomes. A learning experience is composed of content (text, images, resources) and learning activities (self-checks, journal entries, wikis, blogs/discussions, cumulative assignments) designed to engage students in the learning process.

#### **Who develops WBCs?**

The courses are developed by Manitoba Education and are congruent with current senior years’ curriculum.

#### **Who delivers WBCs?**

A teacher delivers the course and facilitates the learning and progress of students throughout the course. The teacher is also responsible for student assessments and for reporting on student progress.

#### **What are the limitations of WBCs?**

WBCs are not designed as independent study modules. A teacher employed by a Manitoba school/division or Adult Learning Center (ALC) delivers the course.

#### **How many WBCs are available?**

There are 46 fully developed WBCs available from grades 9-12. A complete list of courses and course descriptions are available at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/wbc/courses/index.html>.

#### **How can students access WBCs?**

Students attending school or adult learners attending Adult Learning Centers (ALCs) can access WBCs offered by their school division or ALC. Students completing their senior years’ schooling at home cannot access WBCs under the current availability option.

**Is there a cost to teachers who use WBCs?**

No. WBCs are provided at no cost to schools and ALC's. Manitoba Education covers the cost of the LMS (Brightspace).

**What are WBCs being used for?**

Web-Based courses can be used as a fully asynchronous distance course with a facilitator (teacher), blended course offering in a classroom, or as a teacher resource.

**What kind of training is available to teachers?**

The IEU provides LMS training workshops for teachers. The WBC consultant provides online pedagogy workshops as well. Workshops can be face to face or delivered online in the form of webinars. One to one training or group training can be requested by teachers and school divisions. All workshops and webinars are advertised on the Workshop Registration System <https://web36.gov.mb.ca/workshops/PI?action=Start>.

**How do teachers request WBCs?**

Teachers may request access to the new LMS by filling out the Brightspace Teacher Registration form located at <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/teacher-brightspace/>. Requests will be processed by Manitoba Education within 2 business days. Once processed, teachers will receive an email from Brightspace so they can log in and request WBC courses.

**Who supports teachers when they encounter problems?**

The DLU and IEU provide LMS support. Teachers can contact [denis.myers@gov.mb.ca](mailto:denis.myers@gov.mb.ca) or [Chris.Fredrickson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Chris.Fredrickson@gov.mb.ca) for support.