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The Hope Center Launches Development of Online #RealCollege Curriculum to Help Higher Education Become Human Centered and Student Ready

The launch comes as the #RealCollege Movement turns 5!
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the RC Movement?

The [#RealCollege Movement](#) began in 2015 as students joined with practitioners, advocates, researchers, and faculty to demand that their basic needs for food and housing become central to higher education's work. The movement inspired an annual conference, survey, coalitions and collaborations, an [award-winning documentary](#), and both state and federal legislation. The #RealCollege Curriculum (RCC) will scale that ground-breaking work with an equitable and sustainable approach to disseminating lessons from the movement around the world.

What is the RC Curriculum?

Centering the #RealCollege emphasis on a culture of belonging, justice, love, and transformation, the highly interactive modularized delivery platform will bring users close to students' living experiences and into an international and inclusive community of practice. The platform will support the full array of educators and community organizations, students, advocates and policymakers who are seeking new skills to address basic needs for college attainment and student well-being.

The #RealCollege Curriculum is a partnership between The Hope Center and three experienced partners:

- [Digital Pedagogy Lab](#), a community of educators focused on issues of social justice in online and face-to-face teaching, is coordinating curricular development focused on compassion and care.
- [Frontlines of Justice](#), an online video learning curriculum creator, is bringing its innovative, cutting-edge content delivery platform to the project, providing a sleek, interactive, and engaging learning experience
- Award-winning documentarian and journalist Soledad O'Brien's production company, which is contributing footage from the documentary [Hungry to Learn](#).

How is it funded?

[The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) along with [Gates Philanthropy Partners](#) facilitated the launch of the #RealCollege Curriculum with a seed grant to support the first three modules, which will be publicly available by early 2022. The Hope Center seeks additional partners to develop and expand the curriculum.

Colleges and universities and other organizations that wish to use the #RealCollege Curriculum to train and support their staff, faculty, and students may [sign up](#) now to receive registration information when it becomes available.

Who can take the courses?

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How do the courses advance the RC Movement?

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Where can I get more information?

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