

CONTINGENCY PLANNING:

Using a Consortial Online Course Sharing Network to Help Students Recover and Get Back on Track

Problem

The Coronavirus outbreak has already stalled the progress of thousands of students while threatening an extended disruption to enrollments at institutions throughout the United States. In particular, thousands of **study-abroad students** have been recalled home and instructed to self-quarantine while thousands of additional **students who have recently returned from international travel** to affected regions have also been asked to self-quarantine. Even more seriously, institutions are beginning to confront the extended implications of the potential outbreak of the virus within the United States.

Acadeum Network Solution

Joining or forming consortial course-sharing networks can immediately and drastically expand educational capacity. Acadeum supports 163 course-sharing networks at national, regional, statewide and bilateral scale among 200 plus accredited institutions.

These networks allow participating institutions to access over 5,000 courses and nearly 25,000 course sections taught by regionally accredited colleges and universities at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Most critically, institutions can use course-sharing networks to give immediate or 2020 Summer course options to students who have lost ground due to this disruption. The options can be used as a primary resource to meet students' needs or as a secondary one that supplements the short-term synchronous options that institutions will most likely use to finish out the courses in which students are currently enrolled.

Next steps

Currently, Acadeum is in conversation with multiple institutions and associations of institutions to meet the needs of returning students and to contingency plan for the potential of extended disruption to academic in 2020 and 2021. If you would like to discuss how an Acadeum course-sharing network can help your institution — or group of institutions — get students back on-track as quickly as possible, please contact **Rob Manzer** at **512-492-2550**.

Acadeum can help you:

- ▶ Join or leverage an existing consortial network with thousands of available course options with convenient start dates and term lengths
- ▶ Select and approve course options from appropriately aligned regionally accredited institutions
- ▶ Establish equivalencies, pay for courses, and offer options to students through the Acadeum platform
- ▶ Communicate to students about the opportunity to recover and get back on track