



MODERN STATES

Organizational Overview

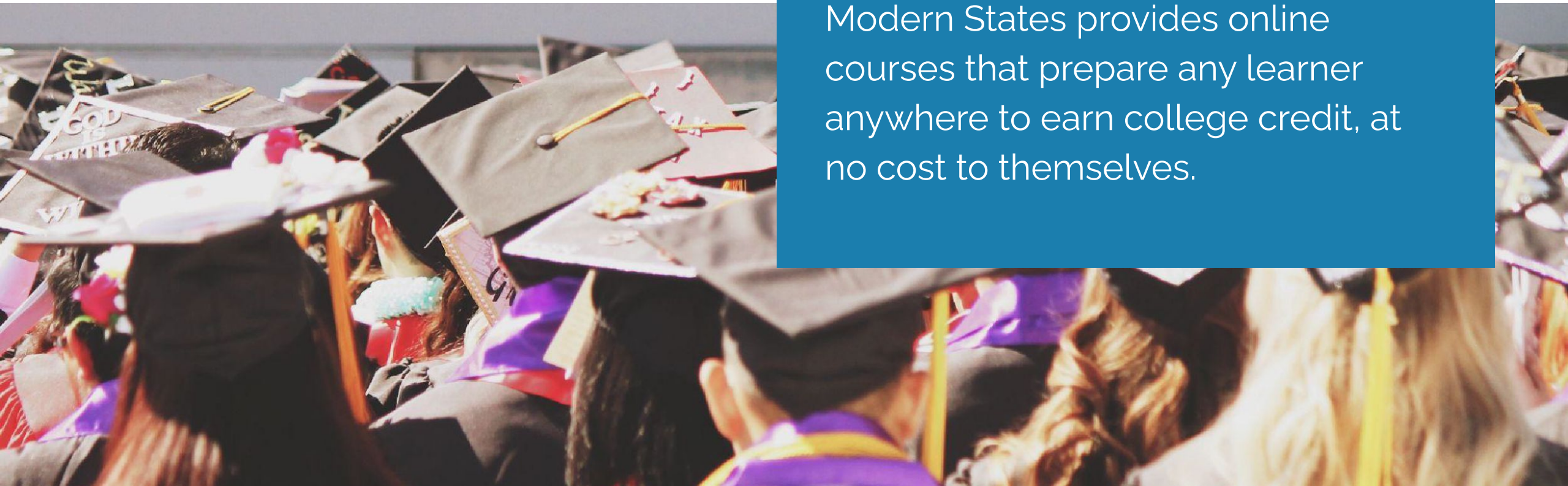


About Us

Our **Mission**

Making high-quality college education affordable and accessible for all learners.

Modern States provides online courses that prepare any learner anywhere to earn college credit, at no cost to themselves.





Our **Model**

MOOC-style
online courses

to deliver high-quality, flexible
learning opportunities

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CLEP exams

to validate learning and
provide portable, broadly
accepted credit

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New model of
college access

scalable, accessible,
cost-effective, rapidly
improvable



Our **Model**



High-Quality

Courses taught by professors from leading universities across the country.



Flexible

Courses are available online, 24/7.
Students move at their pace and test when ready.



Free

Courses are free for anyone. Learners who complete them can take CLEP exams for free.



Valuable

CLEP exams translate to credit at 3,000 colleges and universities across the country.





Our **2024 Results**



- **140,000+ learners** active
- 27,000 learners from **all 50 states and DC** attempted CLEP exams paid for by Modern States
- **16,000 learners passed** at least one CLEP exam (22,000 exams in total)
- Learners saved an **estimated >\$40M saved** on college tuition and fees



Our Resources

High Quality College Courses

Modern States offers asynchronous online courses, taught by college professors and with integrated free textbooks and quizzes, that anyone can access.

32

Different courses
covering 5 areas





Our Courses

Available courses cover most freshman year general education courses.

CLEP Subjects		
Business	History and Social Sciences	Science and Mathematics
Financial Accounting	American Government	Biology
Information Systems	History of the United States I	Calculus
Introductory Business Law	History of the United States II	Chemistry
Principles of Management	Human Growth and Development	College Algebra
Principles of Marketing	Introduction to Educational Psychology	College Mathematics
Composition and Literature	Introduction to Psychology	Natural Sciences
American Literature	Introduction to Sociology	Precalculus
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	Principles of Macroeconomics	World Languages
College Composition	Principles of Microeconomics	French Language Level I (Level II)
College Composition Modular	Social Sciences and History	German Language Level I (Level II)
English Literature	Western Civilization I	Spanish Language Level I (Level II)
Humanities	Western Civilization II	



Experiencing Modern States Courses

Modern States Course Catalog

course categories

exam for credit

CLEP American Government

CLEP Biology

Course Selection

Modern States Calculus

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1. Limits

- The *limit* is the central object of calculus.
- It is a tool from which other fundamental definitions develop.
- The key difference between calculus and everything before is this idea.
- We say things like:
a function $f(x)$ has a limit at a point y

[Reading for Module 1.1](#)
[Video Transcript](#)
[Slides for Module 1.1](#)

Video Lectures

1. Limits

Reading

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Free Textbooks

1. Limits

Check for Understanding (Module 1.4) - Preview

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Quiz Information

Question 1 (1 point)

Without Calculator

Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{2x}$

☐ 2

☐ 0

☐ The limit does not exist

☐ 1

☐ 4

Submit Quiz 0 of 1 questions saved

Embedded Quizzes/Exams

CLEP Exams

College Level Examination Program (CLEP), offered by College Board for more 50+ years, allows learners of all ages to show mastery of college-level material.



Accessible

Exams can be taken *whenever* students are ready to take them



Immediate

Students receive immediate easy-to-interpret score (except for exams with essays)



Computer-based

Tests are timed, computer-based, and taken at CLEP center or via remote proctoring



Comprehensive

Exams cover most of general education requirements.



Widely-Accepted

Nearly 3000 colleges / universities accept CLEP, including most flagship state schools



Affordable

Cost of a CLEP exam is only \$95-\$130 per exam



Student Journey

6 Individual Steps to College Credit

1. Create an account at register.modernstates.org.
2. Choose any of 32 courses from top-notch faculty
3. Watch instructional videos, read aligned textbooks, and complete embedded quizzes
4. Request voucher from Modern States
5. Use it to register for a CLEP exam at clep.collegeboard.org
6. Attempt and pass CLEP exam to earn credit at nearly 3,000 college and universities

Figure out what you want to do with the time and thousands of dollars saved!



School Journey

Four Types of School Implementation

There's no single way to implement Modern States in your school, but there are several models that we've seen schools use with success. Each requires different levels of capacity.

Model 1 Introducing

Focus on expanding awareness of program and introducing Modern States to learners in your school. Learners complete courses on their own, when and where they want.

Model 2 Engaging

Focus on creating a supportive social environment by checking in regularly with students, helping them unstick, and convening peer groups. Adults coach students but do not teach.

Model 3 Tutoring

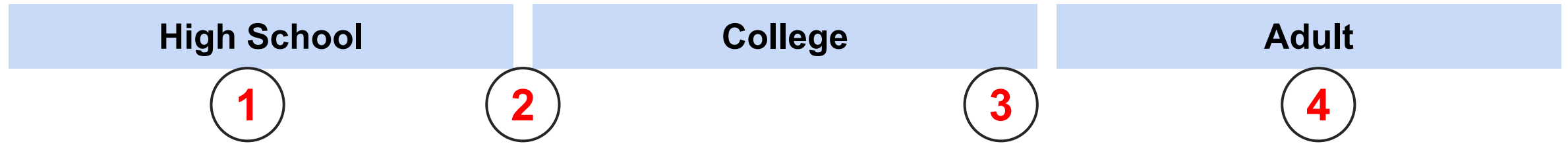
Focus on offering targeted academic support to students outside classes, delivered by teachers/adults with content knowledge. Learners likely engage in school/scheduled time.

Model 4 Integrating

Focus on making Modern States part of regular day/experience by mapping Modern States courses onto existing courses or offering in parallel. Teachers drive pace and support.



Possible **points of intersection**



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Fast Start

Early credit accumulation and/or streamlined college acceptance for Modern States learners

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Summer Bridge

Early credit opportunities for admitted learners

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Finish Line

Support filling final gaps leading to graduation

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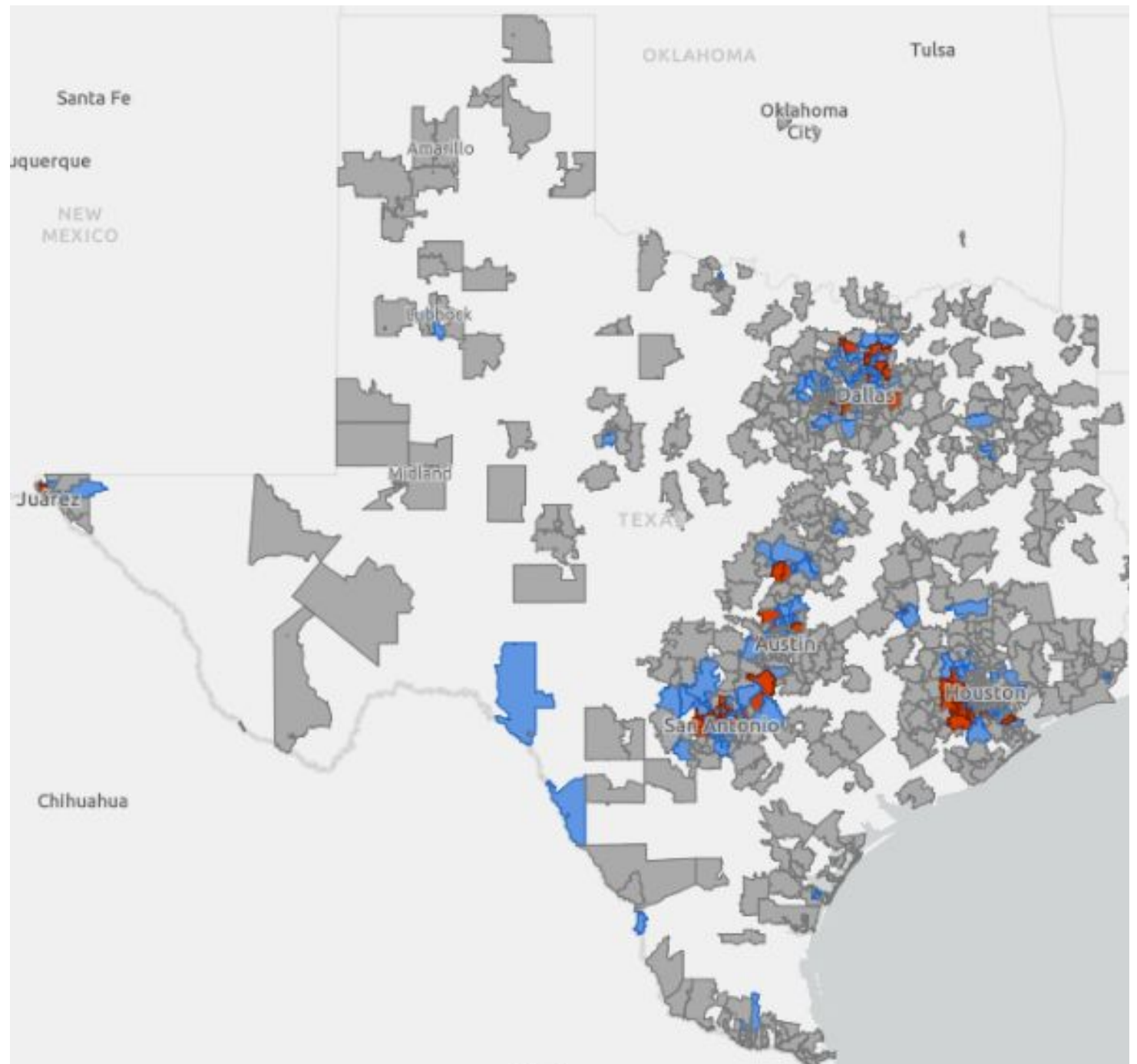
Comebackers

Re-engaging adult learners who have stopped out



Texas

- Heat map shows registrations by learner ZIP Code
 - Gray is <10
 - Blue is 10-20
 - Red is 20+
- Widespread sign up across the state, particularly concentrated in major urban areas
- Several pockets of particular density, in the biggest cities





Texas Higher Ed Institutions

Learners Logged In	Institutions
300+	University of Texas at San Antonio
200-299	San Antonio College Texas State University University of Texas at Austin University of Texas at Dallas
100-199	Houston Community College Texas A&M University-College Station University of Houston University of Texas at Arlington
50-99 (selected)	Austin Community College District Dallas College Lone Star College System North American University St. Mary's University Sam Houston State University Texas Tech University University of Houston-Downtown University of North Texas
1-49	Alvin Community College Texas A&M International University Texas Permian Basin University of Houston-Clear Lake



Thank You

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Research about CLEP Exams

- [Research on placement validity](#) suggests students who earn CLEP credits perform as well as students who take equivalent courses in college (builds on [prior analysis](#))
- High school CLEP takers [have higher retention and graduation rates](#) than a matched sample of students with similar academic backgrounds
- High school CLEP takers have [broadly better outcomes](#) than a matched sample of students who participated in dual enrollment
- Passing a [CLEP exam has a causal impact](#) on associates degree completion of nearly 6 percentage points and on bachelors completion of over 1 point
- [Adult learners who earn credit for prior learning](#) before attending college are likelier to persist, take more classes in the enrolled institution, and to graduate



Widely Accepted Credit

More than 2,900 colleges and universities in the U.S. accept CLEP for credit

New York 	Alabama Arizona 	Alaska California 	Colorado Connecticut 	Delaware Florida Georgia
Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa 	Kansas 	Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Maine Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri 		
Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico 				
North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania 				
Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia West Virginia Wisconsin 				