The Basics

- The main goal of the Learning Portal is to provide equitable access to open learning resources and support for Ontario’s online college students.
- The purpose of the Learning Portal is to act as an online point of entry for any Ontario college student studying online, including students enrolled in OntarioLearn and eCampusOntario.
- The Learning Portal will provide access to a wide variety of open learning resources, tools, and learning supports, accessible to any student taking any online course at any college, at any time province wide.
- A key benefit of the portal is that it will reduce the inequity of resources and services available to students on campus and those taking courses online.

Background

- This initiative was developed out of the HLLR strategic plan, which includes a strategic direction to strengthen the college libraries collective capacity.
- HLLR was also contacted by OntarioLearn with a request for enhanced online resources and services as part of their website and portal redesign.
- Out of this partnership with OntarioLearn, and the launch of eCampusOntario, as well as collaborations with the Ontario college learning centres and OCLS, the concept of the Learning Portal was born.

The Learning Portal Today

- The Learning Portal currently exists as a section within the OntarioLearn portal for the purpose of delivering specific services and resources identified by OntarioLearn.
- It offers direct links to a student’s registering college library, providing an opportunity to showcase the excellent resources and services delivered by each of the individual libraries.
- The OntarioLearn portal includes a link to digital resources licensed collectively to all 24 college libraries, which at this time is a collection of streaming video.

Looking Ahead

- This fall the Learning Portal will grow to include a standalone open-access portal, which is available to all distance education students. Please visit the portal at [http://www.tlp-lpa.ca/](http://www.tlp-lpa.ca/)
- Six Academic Hubs are under development to provide learning objects, tutorials, videos, and other tools: Where Do I Begin, Research, Study Skills, Writing, Math, and Digital Literacies.
- The Academic Hubs will launch over the coming year, beginning with the soft launch of a series of open learning resources on skills including: research, time management, procrastination, critical reading, note taking and studying, text and exam taking, and digital literacy.
- Other upcoming actions include the investigation of a centralized virtual help service and the building of a business case to seek sustainable funding for ongoing project development.