



Transitioning to Distance Education

Tips for Using Test Banks

Many textbooks come with free **Test Banks** for instructors. Online testing is a new experience for many people.

Test Bank questions can be uploaded or input (depending on the format) into your school's LMS to provide online tests. Mix and match the strategies below to try to curb cheating.

- If possible, create a large pool of questions (e.g., 200) and then have the system randomly pull subsets. This makes it more difficult for students to cheat.
- Randomize the question order, so that students aren't receiving the same questions in the same order.
- Set a time limit. Answering a question in real time takes only a minute or two. Trying to locate a specific question from a randomized test on copied information takes much longer!
- Consider withholding results and answers until all students have completed the test.