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CourseLeaf Curriculum Inventory Management
(CourseLeaf CIM)

User Guide

Questions?

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About CourseLeaf – What to Know Before You Start

CourseLeaf Curriculum Inventory Management (CIM) is New York Tech's system for proposing and managing curriculum changes. It streamlines our internal review and approval processes by:

- Reducing duplicate data entry
- Identifying impacted courses and programs
- Highlighting changes with visual markup (green for additions, red for deletions)
- Centralizing comments and feedback
- Automating workflow and approvals

What Can You Do in CourseLeaf?

Faculty and staff can use CourseLeaf to:

- Propose a new course
- Edit an existing course
- Propose a new academic program (degree, certificate, or minor)
- Edit an existing academic program
- Review proposals as part of a workflow (e.g., chair, dean, committee member)
- Request a subject code

This guide is for faculty, department chairs, program directors, curriculum committee members, and administrators involved in curriculum planning and academic program review.

For access to CIM, contact: cimsupport@nyit.edu

For curriculum policy and forms, visit: New York Tech Procedures and Forms

Quick Links

CourseLeaf	https://courseleaf.nyit.edu/courseleaf/	Main landing page for CourseLeaf.
Console		Navigate to CIM tools, see
		proposals, or access administrative
		tools.
Course Inventory	https://courseleaf.nyit.edu/courseadmin/	Use this to create or edit courses
Management		(new proposals, revisions,
		retirements).
Program	https://courseleaf.nyit.edu/programadmin/	Use this to create or edit academic
Management		programs (new degrees, certificates,
		revisions, retirements).
Approve Pages	https://courseleaf.nyit.edu/courseleaf/approve/?role=admin	View and take action on proposals
		routed to you in workflow. Used by
		chairs, deans, committee members,
		and others with approval roles.

Course Inventory Management

- Use Course Inventory Management to propose new or revise existing courses.
- Always review the <u>New York Tech Procedures and Forms</u> page before making and submitting changes.
- Additional training materials are available in CourseLeaf under the left-hand menu: Documentation.

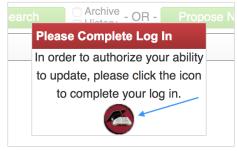
- Look for help bubbles within the form for tips as you go.
- Additional course-specific help is available <u>here</u>.

Program Management

- Use Program Management to propose or revise academic programs.
- All new program proposals (including dual-degree/accelerated options) must be approved by the Dean and Office of Academic Affairs before submission to the Curriculum Committee.
- Email programdev@nyit.edu to schedule a preliminary meeting before moving forward.
- Initial proposals and full proposals have different requirements; a process has been prepared and approved by the Curriculum Committee.
- New York Tech Procedures and Forms has all information about NYSED e-forms for new program proposals, new certificates, or advanced certificates, and adding distance education to an existing program.

How to Log into CourseLeaf

- 1. Go to: https://courseleaf.nyit.edu/courseleaf/
- 2. Log in using your NYIT username and password.
- 3. If prompted, click the circle icon to complete login.



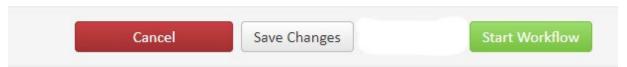
Trouble logging in? Email cimsupport@nyit.edu for assistance.

Tip: If the system opens in a new tab, make sure pop-up blockers are disabled.

How to Save Your Changes

CourseLeaf does not autosave, so be sure to save your work before logging out.

There are three save options available with every proposal:



- Cancel (red): Discards any unsaved changes and exits the form. This will <u>not</u> submit a proposal to the approval workflow process.
- Save Changes (white): Saves the proposal as a draft. You can return to finish later. This will <u>not</u> submit a proposal to the approval workflow process.
- Start Workflow (green): Submits the proposal for approval. All required fields must be completed.

Tracking Proposals

Once you've submitted a proposal, you can track where it is in the approval process by logging into CourseLeaf and searching for the course or program.

Workflow Status:

- Green = steps already completed
- Orange = the current step

You can click on any workflow step to send an email to the assigned reviewer.

Email Notifications:

• You'll receive email updates from CourseLeaf with subjects like [CIM Courses] or [CIM Programs] when action is needed. These emails include a direct link to your proposal.

If You're Asked to Review:

- Open the link in the email.
- Make any necessary edits or comments.
- Then click the green "Approve" button to move the proposal to the next step.

If you don't click Approve, the proposal won't move forward in workflow.

Using Approve Pages

If you're a reviewer (e.g., Chair, Dean, Committee Member), you can also view all proposals routed to you by visiting the <u>Approve Pages</u> tool. This gives you a quick snapshot of everything awaiting your action.

Note: You'll only see proposals if you're listed as a reviewer in that workflow step.

Understanding Workflows

CourseLeaf automates New York Tech's existing approval process. Each proposal (new or edited course or program) goes through a defined workflow with multiple reviewers.

• When a Proposal is Submitted:

- A workflow is triggered based on the proposal type.
- o If your role (Chair, Dean, Committee Member, etc.) is included in the workflow, you'll receive an email alert.

Workflow Emails Include:

- The subject and body of the email explain what's being reviewed.
- You'll get a unique link that takes you directly to the item you need to review.

• If You Receive an FYI Email:

These are just to keep you informed — no action is required unless requested.

When Viewing a Proposal in Workflow:

- o The Edit button is disabled (only the current step can edit).
- o You'll see a clear outline of the workflow.
- The Approval Path shows completed steps and timestamps.
- The History tab contains all previous approvals and comments.

Start Workflow

Once you submit a proposal:

• The "In Workflow" box (right side) shows the current and upcoming approval steps.

• The "Approval Path" displays completed steps with dates and times.

Using the Search Feature

You can search for a course or program in two ways: using the search bar or by selecting a Quick Search category.

Basic Search

- 1. Enter a **subject code** (e.g., MATH) in the search box.
- 2. Use an asterisk * to broaden your search:
 - MATH* finds everything that starts with MATH
 - *MATH finds everything that ends with MATH
 - *MATH* finds anything containing MATH
- 3. The system searches by course code, title, workflow step, and CIM status.

Tip: If your search doesn't return results, try adding or moving an asterisk.

Quick Search

- Quick Searches are built-in filters that let you easily find courses or programs that were Edited,
 Added, or Retired.
- Click a category to view results.
- Once you find the course or program you're looking for, click on it and the full details will display below the search bar.
- If a proposal is currently moving through workflow, you'll see its current step clearly indicated.

NYSED Approval Requirements

Before submitting a proposal, please review the following guidance about when NYSED approval is required.

Changes Requiring NYSED Approval:

- New Degrees or Certificates (includes any credit-bearing certificate)
- Concentrations (if listed on diploma and includes 4 or more credits)
- Substantial Program Changes (affecting 30% or more of the program)

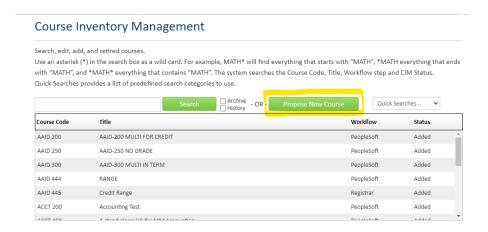
Changes that DO NOT Require NYSED Approval:

- Minors
- Micro-credentials

Note: If you're unsure whether a change qualifies as substantial, contact <u>programdev@nyit.edu</u> for guidance.

How to Propose a New Course

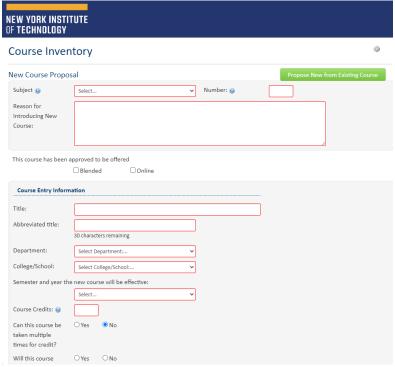
Log into <u>CourseLeaf CIM Course Inventory Management</u> and select **Propose New Course**. A new pop-up window will appear.



After selecting Propose New Course, you will then have the option of completing a new course proposal from scratch or basing the proposal on an existing course.

To complete a new course proposal from scratch:

1. Log into Course Inventory Management and the screen below will open.



- 2. Click **Propose New Course** and then you can choose:
 - New Course Proposal (to start from scratch)
 - Propose New from Existing Course
- 3. Complete all required fields (outlined in red)
- 4. Use the help bubbles for guidance
- 5. Attach the course syllabus (You need to include syllabi for all new courses)
- 6. Click Start Workflow to submit
- 7. After submitting a course proposal to the workflow, you'll find the sequence of workflow steps displayed on the right side of the proposal under the "In Workflow" box.

8. Directly beneath this, the "Approval Path" box will provide the date and time details for completed workflow steps.

If your course is part of a **lockstep sequence**, list all **prerequisites**, even if students take them during the same semester

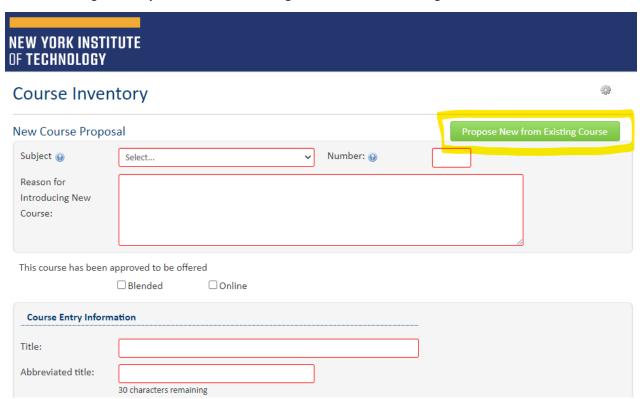
For guidance on how to complete a field, click on the light blue "help bubble" next to each field name.

To propose a new course from an existing course:

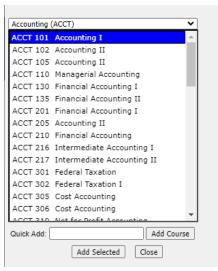
If your new course is similar to one that already exists, you can save time by copying an existing course proposal and editing the details.

Steps:

- 1. Log into Course Inventory Management
- 2. Click the green **Propose New from Existing Course** button on the right



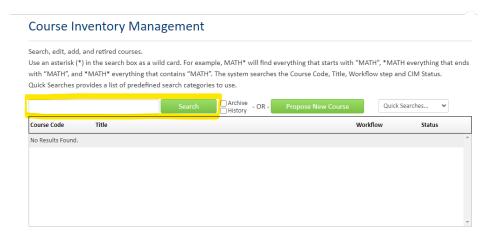
3. After clicking the green **Propose New from Existing Course**, another pop-up window will appear.



- 4. The proposal form will auto-fill with data from the original
- 5. Edit the fields as needed
- 6. Required fields are outlined in red
- 7. Use the light blue help bubbles for tips
- 8. Upload a new syllabus (You need to include syllabi for all new courses)
- 9. Save your draft or click Start Workflow to submit

How to Edit an Existing Course (Course Modification)

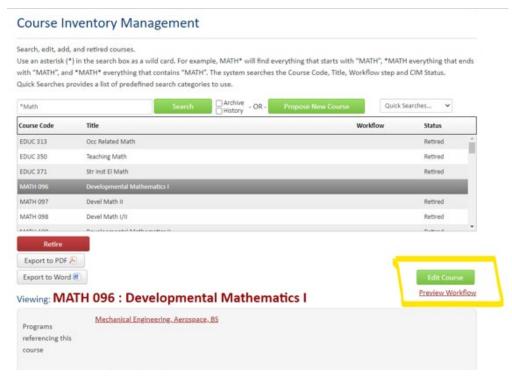
- 1. Log into Course Inventory Management
- 2. Use the search box to find the course you want to edit



3. Clicking on Course Code will alphabetize results.



4. Click the course, then click Edit Course

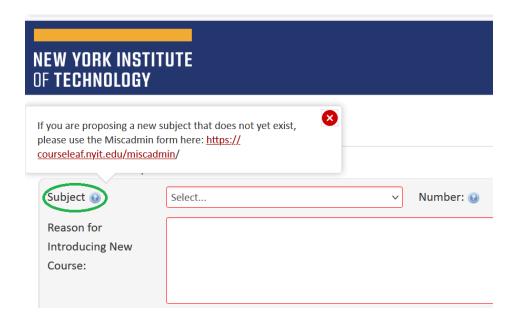


- 5. Update required fields (red) and use help bubbles as needed
- 6. Save your changes or click Start Workflow

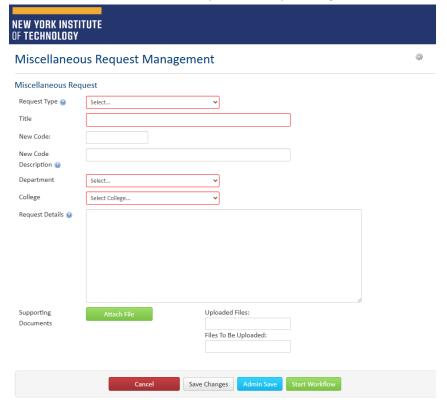
Propose a New Subject Code

This is not done within the regular course proposal form.

- 1. In Course Admin, click Propose a New Course.
- 2. Click the help bubble to the right of the Subject prompt
- 3. Follow the URL that appears to access the miscadmin form



- 4. Click "Propose New Miscellaneous"
- 5. Complete the request and click Start Workflow
- 6. You'll receive confirmation once processed by the Registrar



Propose a New Program (including dual-degree/accelerated programs)

Use this form to propose a brand-new academic program at New York Tech.

Before beginning:

- 1. Become familiar with **what constitutes a substantive change.** Substantive changes include significant updates to a program, such as:
 - Changing the program title
 - Altering the mode of delivery (e.g., adding hybrid or online options)

- Modifying the total credit requirements by one-third or more
- Adding or removing concentrations or tracks
- Establishing a dual-degree program
- Discontinuing the program
- Moving the program to a different campus location
- Changing the degree awarded (e.g., BA to BS)

It's important to complete this field accurately as some program edits may require formal NYSED approval. For more information, see NYSED's official guidance on Changes to Currently Registered Programs.

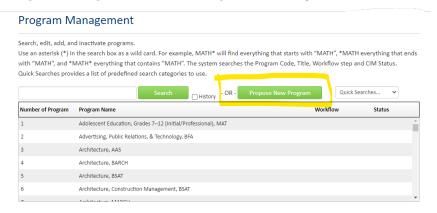
If you're unsure, contact the Office of Academic Affairs for support before submitting.

- 2. Get preliminary approval from your Dean and Academic Affairs
- 3. Email programdev@nyit.edu Office of Academic Affairs to schedule a preliminary meeting before proceeding with the following steps in CourseLeaf.

*NOTE: Before proposing a new program, you must first enter the new courses into CourseLeaf to ensure the curriculum map is correctly built.

To propose a new program from scratch:

1. Log into Program Management and click Propose New Program



2. Complete all required fields and use the help bubbles for support

Note on Mode of Delivery and Campus Selection

You'll now be asked:

"Is this a Hybrid Program?" → Yes / No

If Yes:

- Enter the percentage online
- Online campus is selected automatically
- You can also select: Jonesboro, Long Island, NYC, Vancouver

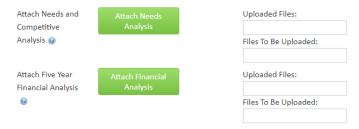
If No:

- Choose one:
 - o 100% Distance → Online selected by default
 - 100% In-Person → Select any physical campus(es)

You may check both options if both apply.

Additional Info Box: Appears below campus selection. Use this to explain delivery method, cohort structure, or anything unique.

- 3. Attach the required documents (To attach documents, simply click attach, select the document you wish to upload from your device and select open):
 - Needs analysis
 - Financial analysis
 - Curriculum map
 - Additional attachments if needed

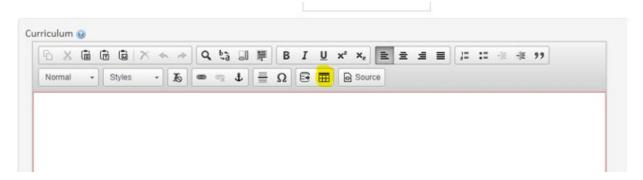


Note on Financial Viability Table

In the Financial Viability section of the **Propose New Program** form, Question 3 has been replaced by a required enrollment table:

Please provide projected enrollment by year needed to offset the operating expenses:

Year	Number of Students Each Year
Year 1 Enrollment	students
Year 2 Enrollment	students
Year 3 Enrollment	students
Year 4 Enrollment	students
Year 5 Enrollment	students

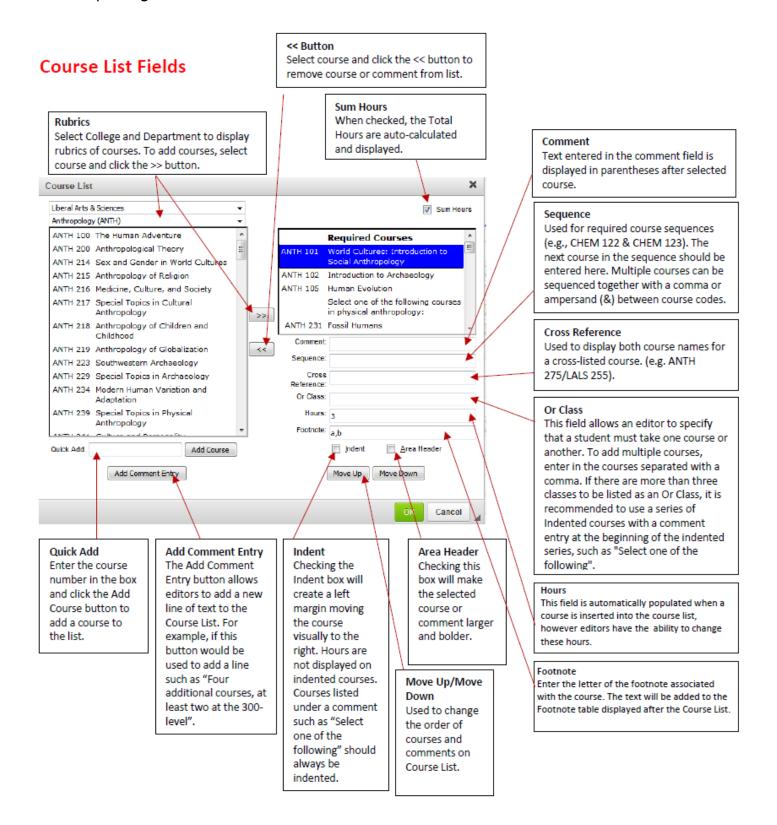


4. When you reach the curriculum section, select the "Insert/Edit Formatted Table" option (highlighted above)

The diagram below will help you populate the curriculum table.

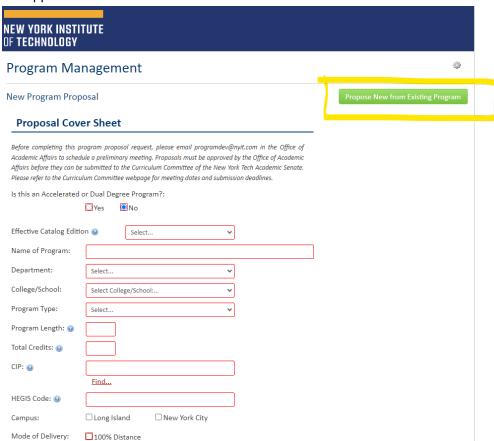
5. When you are finished, click **Start Workflow** to submit.

Populating Curriculum Field

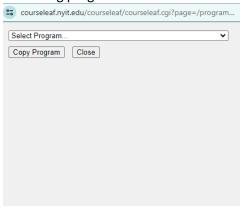


To propose a new program from an existing program

1. Click on the green **Propose New from Existing Program** button on the right. A new pop-up window will appear.



2. Once you select Propose New from Existing Program, another pop-up window will appear with a list of existing programs. You can select the subject of the program you would like to use from that list.



- 3. Edit the pre-filled fields (refer to help bubbles as needed)
- 4. Attach updated documents
- 5. Save or click Start Workflow

How to Edit an Existing Program

- If you are proposing any of the changes listed in the <u>Guidance on Changes to Currently Registered</u>
 <u>Programs</u>, the Office of Academic Affairs will need to submit a program change request to NYSED.
 <u>Email programdev@nyit.edu</u> before making changes.
- 2. Log into <u>Program Management</u> and search for the program you'd like to edit from the search box on the left.
- 3. Click **Edit Program** to open the editable form for the selected program.
- 4. Make your changes and use help bubbles for guidance as you go.

Note about the Substantive Change Question

This field is especially important and has been updated:

- It is now required (no default value)
- It is visible to all users, not just the initiator
- It remains editable even after submission
- Be sure to answer this accurately. If your change triggers a formal review, this field alerts Academic Affairs to initiate the NYSED process.
- 5. Save or Submit
 - Save if you want to come back to it later.
 - **Start Workflow** to submit the proposal for approval.

How to Retire a Program

To retire a degree or certificate program:

- 1. Log in to **Program Management** and locate the program.
- 2. Click **Edit Program**.
- 3. Scroll to the **Retire this Program** field and check the box.
- 4. Add a justification for the retirement (required).
- 5. Submit the form to workflow.

Note: Program retirements require Office of Academic Affairs and NYSED approval if the program is registered.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Access and Login

Q: Who is this guide for?

A: This guide is for faculty, staff, and academic reviewers involved in proposing, editing, or reviewing academic courses and programs at New York Tech.

Q: How do I get access to CourseLeaf CIM?

A: All New York Tech full-time faculty and staff have access to the CourseLeaf CIM system. To request access, email cimsupport@nyit.edu.

Q: Which browser should I use to access CourseLeaf?

A: CourseLeaf CIM works with most browsers, including Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge, and Apple Safari.

Workflow and Tracking

Q: Where is my proposal in the workflow?

A: Workflow steps appear on the right side of your proposal:

- Green = completed steps
- Orange = current step
- Gray = upcoming steps

Directly below is the Approval Path, which displays a timestamp and username for each completed step.

Q: I submitted a proposal and now don't know where it is. What should I do?

A: If you saved but didn't submit, you'll see "Changes saved but not submitted" at the top of the page with a timestamp. If no changes appear, it's possible you didn't save or submit. You may need to re-enter the proposal.

Q: I never received an email notification for a proposal. What should I do? A: First, check your Spam/Junk folder. If you're still not receiving notifications, contact cimsupport@nyit.edu.

Q: I received a proposal as an FYI but want to provide feedback. Can I comment?

A: Yes! Anyone can add a comment. Here is how to do it:

- Search for the course or program in CIM.
- Click Add Comment and enter your message.
- Click OK.

Comments are timestamped and visible to all CourseLeaf users. They cannot be edited once posted.

Q: I received a proposal for review/approval and I'm not sure why. What should I do? A: You may have received it as part of a curriculum committee or because the proposal initiator requested your input. If applicable, review and click Approve or add comments.

If you think it was received in error, contact cimsupport@nyit.edu for clarification.

Proposal Process

Q: What is the difference between the save options?

A: When working on a proposal, you'll see:

- Cancel (red): Discards any changes since your last save.
- Save (white): Saves your work-in-progress. You can resume later.
- Start Workflow (green): Submits the proposal for approval. All required fields must be completed at this point.

Q: Can I keep a record of my proposal?

A: Yes. Once submitted to workflow, open the proposal and click the gray Export to PDF button to save a copy to your device.

Q: What's the "Additional Information about this Program" box for?

A: It's an optional field located under the delivery and campus fields. Use it to describe the structure, format, or unique elements of the program.

Q: What do I enter in the projected enrollment table?

A: Enter the estimated number of students expected in each of the first five years. These numbers help assess the program's financial sustainability.

Course and Program Codes

Q: I can't find my subject code in the dropdown. What should I do?

A: The subject code may be inactive or no longer in use. To request a new subject code, contact the Registrar.

Course and Program Changes

Q: How do I retire or reactivate a course?

A: Course retirements and reactivations are handled outside of CIM. Please contact the Registrar's Office to request these changes.

Q: How do I retire a program?

A: Follow these steps to retire a program:

- 1. Log in to Program Management.
- 2. Locate and edit the program.
- 3. Scroll to the "Retire this Program" field and check the box.
- 4. Add a justification.
- 5. Submit the form to workflow.

Note: Program retirements require Academic Affairs and NYSED approval if the program is registered.

Email Volume

Q: I'm getting too many emails from CourseLeaf. Can I create a rule in Outlook?

A: Yes! You can create an Outlook rule to automatically move CourseLeaf emails to a designated folder. Check the New York Tech CourseLeaf website for a How To Guide.

Want a Visual Walk-Through? Video Resources

Leepfrog Website: https://luc.courseleaf.com/videos/

Introduction to Courseleaf CIM: https://luc.courseleaf.com/videos/luc2023/cim105/

CIM Overview (Tutorial): https://luc.courseleaf.com/videos/cimoverview/
Overview of CIM (CIPT) https://luc.courseleaf.com/videos/cipt-cim-105/

CIM Advanced Workflow: https://luc.courseleaf.com/videos/cim 220 03082023/