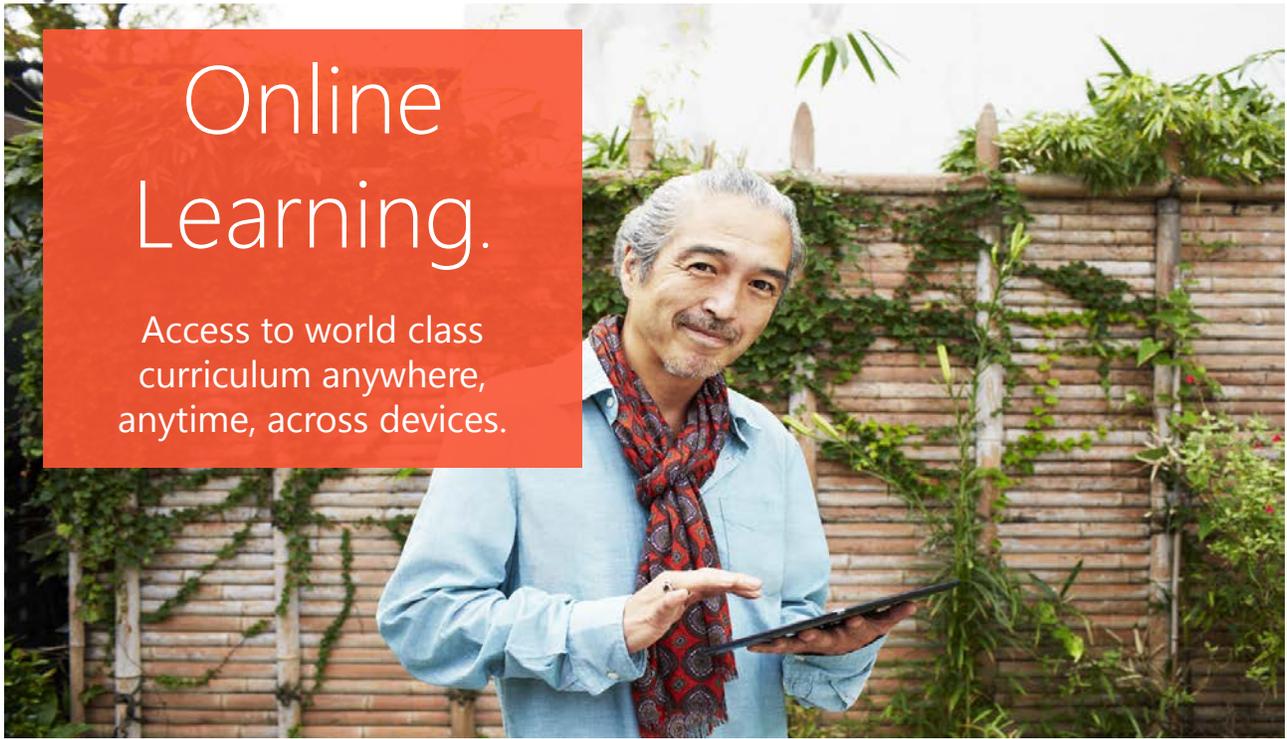


Online Learning.

Access to world class curriculum anywhere, anytime, across devices.



The Microsoft IT Academy offers world class curriculum for a wide variety of courses on Microsoft technology in over 18 languages. The courses listed are only a sample of what's available. Once connected you can search the entire course library so don't overlook this opportunity, get started today!

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Free to Washington state residents through a partnership with state legislature, the Washington State Library, and your local public, tribal or community college library.

Digital Literacy

- Digital Literacy - Writing a Great Resume
- Digital Literacy - The Internet and the World Wide Web
- Digital Literacy - Computer Basics

Office

Microsoft Office Web Apps Essentials Office 2010, 2013

- Beginner, intermediate and advanced skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2010+2013

Windows

- Microsoft Windows 8 Desktop Essentials
- Microsoft Windows 8 Start Screen Essentials
- Deploying Windows 7 by Using Windows Deployment Services

Educator



- Partners in Learning: How do Technology and Pedagogy Mix?
- Partners in Learning: Technology Literacy and Your Professional Development

Server / SQL

- Configuring Virtual Desktop Infrastructure and Reviewing Virtualization Technologies for the Desktop
- Intermediate Skills Training in Microsoft® Visio® 2010
- Sharing and Working with Teams Using Microsoft Office 365
- Introduction to Virtualization of Microsoft SQL Server
- Implementing a Service Broker Solution in Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2

Visual Studio

- C# and the .NET Framework
- Web Application Architecture and Design
- Creating and Adding Functionality to a Microsoft® ASP.NET Web Form
- Introduction to Microsoft® ASP.NET Web Applications

SharePoint

- What's New in Microsoft SharePoint 2010 for IT Professionals
- Microsoft SharePoint 2013 Essentials
- Creating Business Connectivity Services Solutions in Microsoft SharePoint 2010
- Developing Web Parts for Accessing Microsoft SharePoint 2010

Why the Microsoft IT Academy?

IT Works in WA!

The digital literacy skills gap still exists – but it's not a single gap but many gaps at different levels depending on the person or group. In purchasing a statewide online learning solution – covering not just state employees but ALL Washingtonians, we have the ability to engage and connect users at a broader level using a similar message. A common platform that's scalable both for the number of users and that respects the many differences in abilities statewide holds the most promise for sustainability and leverage.

More than 50% of today's jobs require some degree of technology skills; experts expect that number to increase to 77% in the next decade.

The Microsoft IT Academy offers a fully online, self-pacing solution – plus it is cost effective. The IT Academy online learning platform offers a collection of over 400 courses covering the full range of computing and IT – from basic digital literacy skills, to training on Microsoft Office, and IT. The courses are easily accessed from all of Washington's public library, and most tribal and community and technical college libraries. Deploying the online learning platform through libraries makes sense – there are more than 400 libraries in Washington, nearly all have an online presence, and all have public access to computers where patrons can participate in IT Academy courses and practice their skills. Plus library hours are flexible with most offering at least some evening and weekend hours, and library staff are skilled at helping patrons use technology.

In most cases, you can get connected through your local library's website. Logging in to the site requires a Microsoft account (email accounts ending in outlook.com, live.com, or Hotmail.com are all Microsoft accounts) so you may need to create this account first (<http://signup.live.com>), before you gain access to the IT Academy site through the library. Once the account has been verified, choose your library from our list (<http://sos.wa.gov/q/msita>), click on the first time users link (you may be asked to enter your library card #) and log in with your Microsoft account.

Once you've set up your profile on the IT Academy site, you can return at any time to continue your courses just by pointing your browser to <http://itacademy.microsoft.com>. Search or browse for courses and you're ready to get started.

If you don't have a library card, you can access the Microsoft IT Academy through the State Library – choose Central Library from the list of participating Libraries.

Microsoft Office is the third most requested job skill, across all occupations and industries. For high wage, high growth jobs, Office is the 2nd most requested skill.

Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) is the industry-recognized credential – the way to validate proficiency in the most widely used technology platform in the world. The ubiquity of Office led us to focus our support of certification on that software credential. Variance in our initial FY 2013-2015 allocation was used to purchase certification resources statewide. Our goals are to increase the demand for the MOS credential by employers, and the supply of certified individuals by decreasing the cost to test, and by increasing the number of public MOS testing centers across Washington. Now through September 2015, exam vouchers are available for \$50 or less, including a free retake – a savings of more than 70% off the list price. Participants can certify at the Specialist level in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access or Outlook, and at the Expert level in Word or Excel.

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