Course Description

This courseware is designed to introduce what digital literacy means and what can be accomplished using a computer. The participant will progress to using popular software application programs to process typical documents found in a business or school environment. Participants are also introduced to what the Internet is and what makes it so popular for communicating and sharing information with others.

This courseware is targeted towards people who are new to computers or have limited exposure to a computer prior to taking this course. The intent of this courseware is to introduce computer knowledge and skill sets that a participant can acquire and then apply to tasks he/she may want to perform on a computing device.

Course Length: 70-125 hours

Course Prerequisites

This courseware was designed to provide the essential skills for computer literacy, using application programs commonly found in school and business environments. It is intended for those who have not used a web browser, word processor, spreadsheet, presentations, or email program previously, or have minimal experience. Some familiarity with using a mouse and keyboard can be helpful.
Course Outline

COMPUTING FUNDAMENTALS

The Computing Fundamentals exam covers a foundational understanding of computer hardware, software, operating systems, peripherals, troubleshooting and mobile device and cloud computing concepts.

Lesson 1: Operating Systems
Lesson Objectives
What is an Operating System?
Desktop Operating Systems
Common Operating System Features
Understanding Windows Power Options
Looking at the Windows 10 Desktop
Global and Profile-Specific Settings
Changing Global Settings
Customizing Profile-Specific Settings
Mobile Operating Systems
Operating System Updates
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 2: Hardware
Lesson Objectives
What Makes Hardware Tick?
About the Numbers
The Basics – What’s Inside?
Memory and Storage
Identifying Types of Computers
Keyboards, Mice, and Touch Screens
Typical Smart Phone Hardware
Power Plans
Connecting Peripherals
Wireless Connection Technologies
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 3: Networks and Mobile Devices
Lesson Objectives
What Is a Network?
Why Network?
Basic Network Technology
Obtaining Internet Service
Connecting the Internet to Your LAN
Wired Connections – Ethernet
Wireless Connections – Wi-Fi
Cellular Networks
Obtaining Cell Service
Cellular Service Plans
Cellular Devices
Hard-Wired Phones
Voice Mail
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 4: File Management
Lesson Objectives
Understanding Folders and Directory Structure
Using File Explorer
Working with Files and Folders
Understanding Default Locations
Managing Electronic Media
Sharing Files
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 5: Software
Lesson Objectives
Why Use Software?
Obtaining Software
Managing Software
Configuring Software
Working with Windows Apps
Messaging Applications
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 6: Cloud Computing
Lesson Objectives
Cloud Computing Concepts
Cloud Accounts
Microsoft OneDrive
iCloud
Dropbox
Other Types of Cloud-Based Applications
Mobile Notifications
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 7: Security and Maintenance
Lesson Objectives
The Need for Security
User Names and Passwords
Identifying Risks
Protecting Yourself
Backup and Restore
Troubleshooting
Lesson Summary
Review Questions
KEY APPLICATIONS

The Key Applications exam covers popular word processing, spreadsheet and presentation applications and the common features of all applications to help you learn faster, work smarter, and present yourself better.

Lesson 8: Apps and Applications
Lesson Objectives
Understanding Apps and Applications
Application Programs
Web Apps
Local Apps
Limitations
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 9: Using Microsoft Word
Lesson Objectives
Identifying Common Features
Looking at the Edit Screen
Entering and Editing Text
Managing Files
Manipulating Text
Applying Formatting
Formatting the Document
Preparing the Document for Printing
Working with Pictures
Using Tables
Tracking Changes
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 10: Using Microsoft Excel
Lesson Objectives
Looking at the Excel Screen
Managing Workbooks
Manipulating the Contents
Creating Simple Formulas
What Does Formatting Mean?
Working with Charts
Working with Lists and Databases
Working with Tables
Finalizing the Print Output
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 11: Database Concepts
Lesson Objectives
What Is Data?
What Is a Database?
Database Tables
Database Queries
Database Forms
Where Are Databases Used?
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 12: Using Microsoft PowerPoint
Lesson Objectives
What Is PowerPoint?
Working with Presentations
Managing the Slides
Managing Slide Objects
Animating Objects
Setting Up Slide Objects
Sharing the Presentation
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

LIVING ONLINE

The Living Online examination covers skills for working on the Internet or in a networked environment and maximizing your communication, education, collaboration, and social interaction in a safe and ethical way.

Lesson 13: Looking at the Internet
Lesson Objectives
A Connected Community
Introducing the Internet
Finding Computers on the Internet
Understanding Domain Names
Understanding URLs
What Is the World Wide Web?
What Exactly Is a Web Page?
Meet the Browser!
Browser Navigation Tools
Browser Functions and Features
Browser Preferences and Settings
Extending Browser Functionality
Web Standards
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 14: Managing Media Literacy
Lesson Objectives
Searching for Information
Using Search Engine Technology
Researching Information
Understanding Copyrights Issues
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 15: Digital Communication
Lesson Objectives
Digital Communication Technologies
Asynchronous Communications Tools
Real-Time Communication Technologies
Skype – More than Just IM
Checking Out Google Hangouts
Online Conferencing
Collaboration Tools
Distance Learning Technologies
Streaming
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 16: Understanding Email, Contacts, and Calendaring
Lesson Objectives
Working with Email
Using an Email Program
Using the Gmail Calendar
Lesson Summary
Review Questions

Lesson 17: Your Life Online
Lesson Objectives
We Are Social Beings
Social Media Networks
Open vs Closed Social Media Networks
Taking a Look at LinkedIn
Managing Your Digital Identity
Online Behavior
Computers and Your Health
Lesson Summary
Review Questions