

NorthStar – Basic Computer Literacy Online Course

Link	https://assessment.digitalliteracyassessment.org/basic-computer-skills/practice/getting-started-with-computers
Description	<p>This highly interactive online basic computer literacy skills course provides learners with the basic information needed to get started on a computer or laptop.</p> <p>Designed for adult ELL or beginner literacy learners, participants learn about different devices, basic mouse and keyboard navigation skills, and some of the settings and organization features on a device (e.g. files, screen brightness).</p>
Media used	Online interactive slideshow
Readability	Excellent. Minimal essential text. Option to have audio for each slide.
Activities included	Each slide has interactive content. Participants are asked questions and click to show understanding.
Multisensory	Visual (short embedded videos, photos, graphics), Audio (human voice audio that is clear and slow), T-K (interaction with screen through clicking or touchscreen)
Language level	Suitable for beginners or English Language Learners.
Prerequisites	Use a mouse or touchscreen to interact with the slides. Use menu. Turn audio on/off.
Recommended Learning Mode	Videoconferencing where learner shares screen, can be used independently on a smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer
Device compatibility	Laptop, tablet, smartphone, computer
Log-in/subscription	Not required (you can log in to track progress, but only if you can access an assessment centre in the US)
Cost	Free (for an undetermined amount of time due to Covid-19)
Diverse Content	Neutral
Canadian Content	No
Tutor Comment	With the audio option, this course would be very suitable for independent study once familiar with set-up.