

COMPUTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Columbus Metropolitan Library

The Columbus Library provides basic computer training programs, free of charge, at many of the branch locations and online. For details, visit your local library, call 614/645-2275, or go to <http://www.columbuslibrary.org/events> [Check "technology and training", the library location and "Search".

Columbus State Community College

Columbus State's Workforce Development Center provides (non-credit) computer courses to help you learn the basics of using a computer (word processing, email, internet). Course cost: approximately \$55. To register call 614/287-5858 <http://www.csc.edu/community/language-institute/computer-skills.shtml>

Digital Works

Digital Works trains and helps place adults in online, flexible jobs. Seniors have found success through the opportunities provided by Digital Works. After securing an online position, they are able to work from the comfort of their own home, work part time, choose their work hours, and supplement their incomes. <http://digitalworksjobs.com/connecting-senior-adults-with-flexible-work-at-home-careers/>

Goodwill Columbus

Find many programs at Goodwill Columbus to help in your job search. Information Technology & Business Services can assist in providing you with a career in Information Technology (IT) or Business Services (without a college education). Industry-related credentials like CompTIA A+, Microsoft Office Specialist and Microsoft Technology Associate can assist you with your path. For program details call 614/294-5181 or go to <http://goodwillcolumbus.org/job-training/jobseekers/information-technology-business-services/>

IMPACT Community Action

The Computer Literacy Program provides basic and intermediate computer operations training, software knowledge and application, and internet navigation through hands-on repetition, on-line tutorials, and individualized instruction. This program is open to Franklin County residents based on total household income; for details on registration go to: http://www.impactca.org/what_we_do/programs/empowerment_services/computer_literacy.html

OhioMeansJobs

Take advantage of this incredible resource for online training and job search information. Developed by the State of Ohio for all citizens, this free service will provide you with job search assistance, employer research, online assessments, and more! <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/>

Per Scholas

Per Scholas is a non-profit IT training and placement organization focused on serving the unemployed and underemployed community and getting individuals back into the workforce with a CompTIA A+ certification. Per Scholas graduates learn skills to be: Help Desk Analysts, Desktop Support Technicians, Field Technicians, Junior Project Managers, and more. For details, call 614/824-4777 or https://www.employseniors.org/Events/PS_Recruitment%20Flyers_Columbus_2015-2016.pdf

Westerville Public Library

The Westerville Library provides an array of computer training programs that are open to the public. Contact the library at 614/882-7277 (126 S. State Street; Westerville), or <http://westervillelibrary.org/global-search?q=&t=40&s=technology+training&p=1&pt=0&so=Relevance>

Free Software:

Apache OpenOffice (Free Software)

It can be difficult to have up-to-date software on your computer, due to cost. There is a site that provides free software, www.openoffice.org This software is a viable alternative to more expensive programs, however, it is not the leading brand names. Check it out so that you can keep up with current technology!