Northstar Digital Literacy:
Getting Started with Northstar

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Agenda

- Creating Learner Accounts
- Proctoring Overview
- Running Reports
- Accessing and Using Curricula
- Resources
Features

- Assessments – Currently 14
- Instructor-Led Curricula – 13 Completed
- Self-Directed Online Learning – 6 Completed
- Reports
Access to the Admin Portal

- Administrator adds staff to Admin Portal under “Location Information”
  - Choose staff or Proctor

- Northstar sends invited staff an email inviting them to Admin Portal

- Recipient then creates a password and is given access

- Bookmark your Admin Portal page

- You can also login at the Northstar Homepage [www.digitalliteracyassessments.org](http://www.digitalliteracyassessments.org)
Creating Tags

• Log in to Admin Portal

• Go to Learners Tab (on top)

• Add new tags under “Manage Tags”

• Create Tags
Creating a Learner Account

- Invite Learner – enter name and email and applicable tags
- The system will send an email invitation to the new learner
Hi Deke,

Welcome to Northstar Online Learning.

Benjamin M (benjamin.m@example.com) from Demo Learning Location is sending you this email.

Northstar Online Learning can help you learn and practice computer skills. It can save your work and show your progress.

Do you want to use Northstar Online Learning to learn and practice?

Yes, I want to use Northstar Online Learning!
Click here to accept this invitation and make a password.

When you have your password, log in to Northstar Online Learning. Click here to go to the website: https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/login/

Learn more about using Northstar Online Learning:
Click here to read: https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/manual#part5

Click here to watch videos:
- Meet Northstar Online Learning
- NSOL Navigation Tips 1
- NSOL Navigation Tips 2
- NSOL Navigation Tips 3

Welcome!
- Your Northstar Team
Manually Activate Account

- Click on lightning bolt to the right of learner’s name

- Make sure to use a consistent system (ex: first initial, last name, last for digits of phone number)

- Click on Update
Manually Activating Account

Because Northstar staff resources are limited, we will include your email address (tsladek@mnliteracy.org) in the email notification that is sent to learners when you create their account, so that they can reach out to you for support if needed. If you would like to change which email address you use for Northstar, you can visit your Personal Profile by clicking on your name in the upper-right corner of this page.

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Edit

First Name
Theresa

Last Name
Sladek

Email Address
theresaeslake@me.com

Set New Password (Optional)

Update  Cancel  Deactivate
Bulk Creation of Learner Accounts

- Create spreadsheet with first name, last name, and email in separate columns
- Go into Northstar Admin Portal
- Click on Learner Tab
- Click on “Import” located under “Invite New Learner”
- Upload spreadsheet with students’ names and email addresses
Adding Tags

• Create Tags

• Add Tags to New Learners

• Add Tags to Existing Learners in the Learner Management System
  • Assign Tags to Multiple Learners
  • Assign Multiple Tags

• Add Tags to Test takers not in the Learner Management System
Switching between Admin and Learner

• Click on the dropdown arrow next to your name in the upper right hand corner of your Admin Portal

• Click on “details” in an available Northstar Online module you’d like to take

• To return to the Admin portal, click on the drop down arrow next to your name and select “Admin Portal”
Northstar Online Learning Modules

**Essential Computer Skills**
- Basic Computers
- Internet basics
- Using Email

**Essential Software**
- Microsoft Word
- Windows

**Using Technology in Daily Life**
- Career Search Skills

**Next Up**
- Excel
- Social Media
Assessments

- **Essential Computer Skills**
  - Basic Computer
  - Internet basics
  - Using Email
  - Windows 10
  - Mac OS

- **Essential Software**
  - Microsoft Word
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint
  - Google Docs

- **Using Technology in Daily Life**
  - Social Media
  - Information Literacy
  - Supporting K-12 Distance Learning
  - Career Search Skills
  - Your Digital Footprint

- **Next Up**
  - Telehealth
Assessment Uses

- Pre- and Post-test
- Assess instructional needs and provide relevant instruction
- Certify achievements
- Prepare teaching staff
Assessment Options

- **Site Specific Northstar url**
  - Learner opens your site assigned Northstar url
  - Clicks “take an assessment”
  - Enters name and password

- **Logged in as learner**
  - Learner logs in to Northstar homepage
  - Dashboard opens
  - Click “Assessment” of choice
  - Brings them to your site specific url
Proctoring Assessments

- Certificates
- Maintain assessment viability
- In-person or remotely
Certificates

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

IS HEREBY AWARDED TO

Colorado Rocky

by Demo

FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING
Microsoft Word Office 2016 (7/28/2021)

August 7, 2021

DATE

I passed all of the Northstar Certification Assessments!

#iamABE
Reporting

- Learner Tab
  - Quick look at assessments passed
  - Overall look at assessment scores and online learning completed
  - Individual Score Cards
  - Time on Task

- Assessments Tab
  - Detailed look of assessments passed
  - Individual Score Cards

- Reports Tab
  - Summary Reports
  - Detailed Reports
Filter Reports by Tags

• Filtering by multiple tags to include a *and* b

• Filtering by multiple tags to include a *or* b
Curricula

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Coming Next
- Your Digital Footprint
English Language Level

- Intermediate English Language Reading Level
- Grade 4 Reading Level
- CASAS Reading Level 211 or Higher
- TABE 11/12 Reading Score of 501 or higher
- Many instructors scaffold down
Teaching Resources

• Scope and Sequence

• Lesson Plans

• Unit Project

• Remote Teaching Resources

• College and Career Readiness Alignment

• Soft Skills (ACES/TIF) Alignment
Accessing Curricula

- Admin Portal
  - Resources
    - View Northstar Curriculum
Resources

- Northstar Manual
- FAQs
- Northstar Online Learning
- Quick Start Guides
- Proctoring Assessments
- Other Resources
- Video Tutorials
- Create Support Ticket
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https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/