

Boost Your Digital Skills



NORTHSTAR
DIGITAL LITERACY

FREE

Are you looking to improve your comfort and confidence using technology? **NorthStar Digital Literacy** can help!

NorthStar offers a **free, self-paced** online program that covers **essential** computer skills, internet basics, and popular software like **Microsoft Office** and **Google Docs**. Whether you're new to computers or just want to brush up on your skills, **NorthStar has something for everyone**.

NorthStar is accessible to most learners, with a reading level starting at around the 4th grade. The program is also being translated into Spanish to reach a wider audience.

Here at Down East Partnership for Children (DEPC), we can help you get started with **NorthStar**. We have certified proctors on staff who can administer exams and award you a recognized certificate upon successful completion.

- ➔ **Don't have an email address? No problem!** We can help you create one to get started. Lacking a device or internet access? We can connect you with resources to obtain affordable options.
- ➔ **Interested in in-person courses?** While we don't currently have set times, we're happy to schedule classes if there's enough interest.

What You'll learn with Northstar:

- ➔ **Essential Computer Skills:** Understand your computer hardware, navigate the operating system (Windows or Mac), and master keyboard shortcuts.
- ➔ **Internet Basics:** Learn how to connect to the internet, explore different web browsers, and use email effectively.
- ➔ **Essential Software Skills:** Create professional documents with Microsoft Word and presentations with PowerPoint. Organize data and create spreadsheets with Excel. Google Docs offers free, web-based alternatives to these programs, and Northstar can teach you how to use them too.
- ➔ **Using Technology in Daily Life:** Discover how technology can make your life easier. From scheduling telehealth appointments to managing online learning, Northstar equips you with the skills you need to thrive in today's digital world.
- ➔ **Digital Safety and Security:** Learn how to manage your online footprint, protect your privacy, and navigate social media safely.

Benefits of Working with DEPC:

- ➔ **Smaller Class Sizes:** Enjoy a more personalized learning experience with fewer classmates.
- ➔ **Flexible Scheduling:** We prioritize your needs and work around your schedule.
- ➔ **Personalized Support:** Our team is available to answer your questions and provide additional training, either in person or virtually.



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