



ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Online learning opportunities are abundant and varied. Whether for professional, personal or academic development, you can learn new skills, build knowledge and continue your education.

There are many options that are available for free or for small fees. There are video tutorials, massive open on-line courses (MOOCs), and a range of university courses and programs offered entirely on-line.

- [LinkedIn Learning](#) – free access to Mac students and alumni (with your MacID and password)
- [Class Central](#) – an aggregate site that list courses across platforms and offers reviews
- [Coursera](#) or [Edx](#) - range of Massive Open On-line Courses offered by universities from around the world.
- [Udemy](#) or [Skillshare](#) – some courses free or with fees
- For more ideas, [check out this article](#).

If you are wondering what skills or courses to look for, you can take a targeted approach where you actively consider skills and competencies you want to develop.

Consider use the [Career Ready Skills](#) as a guide. These are the essential competencies employers are looking for in new graduates.

Teamwork | Digital literacy | Communication | Critical Thinking/Problem Solving | Leadership
Career Management | Work Ethic/Professionalism | Cultural/Global Literacy

Browse through job postings on [indeed.ca](#) in the career area you are considering and use the requirements listed to guide your skills & competencies development.

If you aren't sure what career field you are considering, you can use [LinkedIn annual review](#) of most sought after skills to guide you.

Just the act of being pro-active and self-directed in your learning is proof of in demand skills!

Try something new!

If you want to take a more open approach to your learning, you can explore free or low cost on-line courses and training to try something new, challenge yourself, or build skills without worrying about your GPA.

Search for courses that you always wanted to take but could never fit into your schedule. Or, try-out courses or training to test if you might like a career field. Explore subjects that will help you re-ignite some interests from your past that you just haven't had time for lately. Or simply, ask someone for a recommendation – much like you might have someone recommend their favourite book, movie or series.

There are also increasing options from Universities and Colleges offering on-line courses, certificates, degree and graduate programs.



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Whether you need to pick up a pre-requisite course, elective, or looking for a post graduate certificate or program, consider accredited public universities across Canada. Continuing Education departments of colleges and universities offer professional and personal development courses as well.

- [McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education](#) - offers a variety of programs, certificates and short courses
- [Athabasca University](#) – Canada’s on-line University.
- [University of Guelph](#) - Distance Education Department
- [e-Ontario Campus](#) - courses across all Ontario publicly funded college and universities
- [OntarioLearn](#) - search for courses across Ontario colleges
- Many universities and colleges across Canada offer on-line course – explore widely to find the right course or program for you. Search by delivery types or distance/on-line options.

Wondering how to add the courses to your resume? Here is one option:

EDUCATION

Project Management Certificate	2020- present
McMaster University, Hamilton	

Honours Bachelor of Arts	April 2019
Political Science Major; Economics Minor	
McMaster University, Hamilton	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Python for Everyone Specialization	June 2019 - present
University of Michigan on Coursera.org	

Still not sure what you want to learn online? Zoe, our Student Staff suggested these ideas:

Cooking – learn to cook some cheap, healthy, delicious meals for yourself or how to impress your guests
Personal Finance – money management, debt repayment and credit score-building,
Investing – learn the multitude of investing methods and how to save for retirement

Photoshop – basic image-editing is increasingly a part of jobs you might not expect it to be
Photography – a fun hobby, or a useful addition to your website, and a skill for many careers in marketing
Digital Marketing – effective marketing techniques for how to reach your audience

Programming – is becoming a part of daily life in every industry can only increase your employability
Statistical analysis and databases – a highly respected career path that you can learn entirely online
Graphic Design / 3D Modelling – makes a great hobby and can add ot your digital skill set.

Learn Another Language – Mandarin is the second most useful language to learn for business
Crafts – painting, sewing, woodworking, home-repair, and anything that serves as a creative outlet
Music – learn to play a musical instrument or how to sing with online video tutorials



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