



Northstar's mission is to help individuals around the world master the digital skills needed to work, learn, and participate fully in daily life. We have nearly 2,000 subscriber locations in 48 states and 5 countries with more sites joining weekly.

## HOW IT WORKS

Northstar focuses on basic digital literacy skills such as using a mouse, searching on the internet, and using email; as well as advanced skills like using Google Docs and searching for jobs online.

- 1. Assessments in fourteen digital skills areas** measure proficiency and identify skill gaps. Learners who take proctored assessments through a Northstar subscriber location can receive certificates or badges, which inspire a sense of confidence and accomplishment as well as allow them to demonstrate skills to potential employers.
- 2. Instructor-led curricula** provide detailed lesson plans for teachers and can be used remotely or in person. The curricula is easy to follow, learner centered, and flexible.
- 3. Self-directed online learning** provides individualized online instruction and practice. Learners can independently access original online content incorporating Northstar standards, instruction, and practice. Northstar locations can create learner accounts to track online work and assessments completed by the learners.



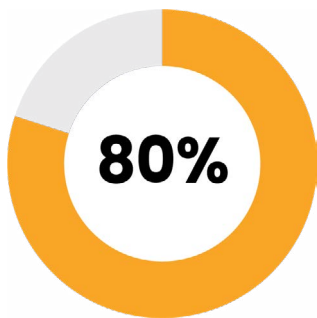
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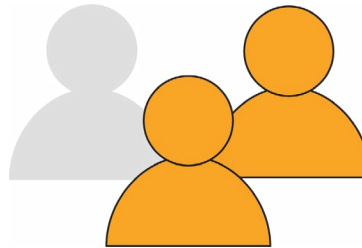


# DIGITAL LITERACY FOR ALL

Businesses, organizations, and governments can identify digital skill gaps and offer targeted professional development by becoming Northstar subscriber locations.



**80%**  
of middle-skill  
jobs require  
digital skills.<sup>1</sup>



**1 in 3 workers  
has limited or no  
digital skills.<sup>2</sup>**

## PARTNER WITH NORTHSTAR

**Digital literacy has become essential to economic development and human flourishing.** Low digital literacy skills can lead to difficulty filling out online timesheets and forms, communicating with children’s teachers, utilizing telehealth systems and health monitoring equipment, and participating fully in daily life.

**Northstar is playing a leading role in helping many states, counties, and cities comprehensively address digital literacy needs.**

Example: Supported by Northstar services and training, the state of Hawaii is working to dramatically raise the digital literacy rate of its residents through a dynamic partnership including libraries, workforce centers, businesses, and colleges.

**“Hawaii is determined to achieve a 91% digital literacy rate over the next 12 months with the help of Northstar assessments and curricula. Together, libraries, workforce centers, and businesses will work to close the digital literacy gap in Hawaii.”**

**– Ka’ala Sousa, Hawaii Workforce Development Specialist**

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1. [The Digital Edge: Middle-Skill Workers and Careers](#)

2. [The New Landscape of Digital Literacy](#)