



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

OSSE WEB-BASED ASSESSMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES FOR DC PROVIDERS AND PARTNERS

Below is listing of web-based assessment and instructional resources that can be used to provide distance education to students. Additional information is available upon request.

Available Now: The following includes several online instructional resources that can be made available to any adult education program in the city free of charge and without required training.

- [Career Coach DC](https://careercoachdc.emsicc.com/) helps DC residents find and connect to a career pathway by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training. Career Coach users gain access to information about the in-demand industries in the region—as well as the occupations and skills needed in those industries. Career Coach is interactive and easy to use. To access this free resource, visit the Career Coach DC website at <https://careercoachdc.emsicc.com/>.
- [Essential Education](#) includes a suite of web-based instructional resources which include GED and CASAS Academy, and Computer, Money and Work Essentials. Email tracy.richard@dc.gov to request access. Ms. Richard will contact the vendor to request the issuance of a username and password for the requestor. If the requestor's agency already has an account, Ms. Richard will re-direct the requestor to his/her agency's site administrator to request a username and password.
 - **CASAS Academy** - An online remediation program for ABE and Career Pathways students. It creates a customized student learning plan for each student based on CASAS scores and then tracks students' gain by specific CASAS skill competency. Students learn faster because they are taught in the context of real-life applications.
 - **Computer Essentials** - Consists of 41 lessons aligned with the tested objectives in the IC3 (Internet Computing and Core Certification) credential. The program is divided into three areas of focus and includes an initial assessment to determine a student's familiarity with technology. The program is useful for both students and teachers as technology demands become more stringent on each group. Computer Essentials provides certificates at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels. This certificate can then be stacked with the High School Equivalency and workforce credentials to show employers the skills a job-seeker brings to the workplace.
 - **GED Academy** - An online self-directed, cloud-based software application that prepares adult students for the GED® test and college and career readiness. Its adaptive learning technology combines ABE- to GED-level lessons across five subject areas into a personalized lesson plan that challenges students and keeps them engaged and motivated. The program meets the National Reporting System grade equivalents from Low Intermediate Basic Skills (4.0 - 5.9) through High Secondary (11.0 - 12.9).

- **Money Essentials** - Consists of personal financing lessons that are critical in building the skills of today's workforce. Students in adult education programs are embarking on a pathway to become self-sufficient. The responsible use of money and an understanding of the tools available to help them build wealth and security is critical. Money Essentials provides a fun and effective way for students to create good financial habits and evaluate their credit standing.
- **Work Essentials** - Consists of 17 lessons and includes a printable certificate of completion at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels. Students can use this to help secure employment. The program is designed to help adult educators address the WIOA Integrated Education and Training mandates.
- **Virtual Job Shadow** provides District residents with dynamic tools to bolster their career planning and job seeking experiences. The interactive tools of Virtual Job Shadow promote user engagement for youth and adult job seekers. This resource empowers individuals to discover, plan and pursue their dreams with a video-based career planning platform and interactive tools to develop career paths based on choice, not chance. Email tracy.richard@dc.gov to request information on how to access this resource.

Available Free of Charge with training: The following includes online instructional/assessment resources that can be made available to any adult education program in the city free of charge after the program completes the required training. Email tracy.richard@dc.gov for information about upcoming trainings. Access is granted after completion of CASAS Implementation and CASAS eTest Coordinator and Proctor Training.

- **CASAS** eTests Online provides a nationally recognized system to assess and certify language and basic skills proficiency of youth and adults. It provides fast and accurate placement into instructional programs and helps to determine eligibility for workforce training programs.
- **TopsPro** (Tracking of Programs and Students) Enterprise is a nationally recognized learner management and accountability system. It provides synchronized, real-time access to the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) test results and reports.

Other Instructional Resources: The following includes other online instructional resources that can be used to provide educational services to students at a distance and/or blended and classroom-based learning. Feel free to click on the name of the product to visit the company's website for additional information or email tracy.richard@dc.gov, OSSE AFE to obtain the contact information for the sales representative for this resource.

- **Aztec Software** has an Adult Basic Education (ABE) Continuum of Learning series that includes computer-based, instructional programs that provide diagnostic and personalized learning experiences, with a focus on core academic subject areas for adult learners. Aztec Software's Continuum of Learning can be implemented as a complete distance learning solution with minimal instructional supervision, as a blended learning model, or as a supplement to direct, face-to-face instruction.

- **[Burlington English](https://www.burlingtonenglish.com/)** is a unique program for English acquisition learners. It is also an excellent resource for use by adult basic education students. The program includes a blended learning solution that combines face-to-face classroom activities with anytime-anywhere access to state-of-art online interactive courses. Students are free to use the online materials as much as they like, whether that's a few hours a week or several hours a day. They're limited only by their motivation to succeed. Burlington English also offers free webinars - <https://www.burlingtonenglish.com/>
- **[News for You](#)** is a product of the New Readers Press division of ProLiteracy, the world's largest organization of adult literacy programs. The articles on News for You are based on reports from The Associated Press and The Washington Post news services. All content is thoroughly reviewed by adult education professionals and editors to ensure accuracy, low-level readability, and appropriateness.
- **[The Change Agent](https://changeagent.nelrc.org/in-the-classroom/webinars/)** provides socially relevant content, powerful student writing that inspires discussion, and ready-to-use, CCR-aligned lesson plans – all oriented toward a multi-level audience. Includes online and paper subscriptions. The Change Agent also offers free webinars - <https://changeagent.nelrc.org/in-the-classroom/webinars/>
- **[The NorthStar Digital Literacy Assessment](#)** defines basic skills needed to perform tasks on computers and online. Online, self-guided modules assess the ability of individuals to perform tasks based on these skills. Included are basic computer digital literacy standards and modules in three main areas – Essential Computer Skills, Essential Software Skills and Using Technology to Accomplish Tasks.
- **[WIN Learning System](#)** is an online e-learning system includes academic and employability skills courseware, assessments, and credentials as an important foundation for creating a more effective and efficient system to prepare learners and job seekers for career and life success.

Other Distant Learning Resources

- Adult Basic Education Distance Learning Resource Site - <https://edtech.worlded.org/tips-for-distance-learning/>
- LINCS Community, Courses and Resources for Adult Education - <https://lincs.ed.gov/>
- ProLiteracy - Continuing Instruction from a Distance - <https://www.proliteracy.org/health>