



Vermont State Colleges: e-Vermont Workshops

All workshops are designed to be sixty-to ninety-minute sessions. They can be hands-on sessions when a computer lab with a workstation or laptop for each participant and a projection system for the instructor are available. However, some sessions can be delivered as presentations without individual computer access for participants.

Basic Internet Skills

This workshop will review basic computer skills needed to access the Internet, as well as basic Internet search skills. No computer experience is necessary. The workshop will not cover specific software applications, like word processing and spreadsheets, but it will address participants' questions and interests as much as time permits.

Social Media & Communication Tools for Beginners

This workshop will review some of the most popular social media resources, including Facebook, Twitter, various blogging tools, and video tools like Skype. You'll learn how to use these tools to share information and keep in touch with family and friends.

Internet Safety Basics

The Internet is a wonderful source of information and communication, but it also presents risks. Learn how to use Internet resources safely and protect yourself and your family from scams and schemes that can compromise your personal and financial information.

Finding Health Information on the Web

Government agencies and health insurance providers increasingly use the Internet to convey information to consumers. This workshop will review various Web-based information resources and show how you can use these resources to find credible and accurate information.

Learning to Go

Would you like to listen to a modern American poetry lecture from Yale or a watch physics class from MIT? You can find lots of educational materials from universities and other institutions free, from your home computer! This workshop explores some of the best websites for finding educational videos, podcasts and more!

Evaluating Information on the Web

When you're searching the Web, is there a way to distinguish between an authoritative scientific study and a tenth-grade student's science project? Can you trust the information in a Wikipedia article? This workshop presents a variety of tools and advanced search techniques to help you assess the validity of information you find on the Internet.

Free Stuff on the Internet!

Learn about some of the best free tools and services available on the Internet, including word processing tools, digital audio recorders, websites for storing your photo collection, and sites that allow you to stream music. This workshop reviews several free, easy-to-use programs you can access on your home computer.

Vermont State Colleges: e-Vermont Webinars

Throughout the e-Vermont Community Broadband Project, VSC staff and faculty will be providing free thirty- to forty-five-minute webinars on topics related to the Internet and Internet resources. These webinars build from the basic concepts presented in the in-person workshops hosted by e-Vermont partners. Topics include Internet safety, social networking and communication tools, educational resources on the Web, advanced Web searching, and evaluating websites. Attendees should have access to a high-speed Internet connection for optimum quality. For announcements of upcoming webinars, visit the events section of www.e4vt.org.

Vermont State Colleges: Staff Internet Training

Towns may opt to have a VSC faculty or staff member provide basic Internet training and instruction to staff members of town libraries, senior centers, or other community centers. This training is meant to help staff give better assistance to members of the public who need help with basic Internet skills. Sessions can include education about Internet browser and security settings, instruction about efficient search techniques and website evaluation, and suggested “best practices” for helping community members who are new to the Internet utilize Web-based information and communication tools. Towns can opt for one or two 3-hour blocks of training time. These blocks can be broken into shorter sessions within the hours that the VSC instructor spends in the e-Vermont community. The Vermont State Colleges will rely on a local contact person to coordinate the logistics for these sessions.



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