

Adult Computer Classes

Computer Basics Word * Excel * PowerPoint



Research by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ([OECD](#)) reports that more than 31 million adults in America are not digitally literate. We know who some of them are. They are just like you and me. They are our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers. We have seen their faces and we know their stories. This is just one.

Our Story

In 2010, someone very special was laid off from a job that she loved. For the first time in her life, she was unemployed and unsure about what to do. She had held many jobs over the course of her work life and yet had never touched a computer – there was never a need. But on this day after being laid off in her early retirement years, she suddenly needed to use a computer to file for unemployment benefits. She was not planning to retire and expected to find new part time work. She was confused and embarrassed that she never knew, and never cared about, how to use a computer. She had no idea where or how to begin. She tried calling many times and experienced an average of 4 to 6-hour hold times with no resolution. The online claim process was brand new with many serious challenges. She went months without benefits because she was unable to file her claim online. Once she finally shared with her family what was going on, the issue was resolved immediately. But her daughter, our founder, was deeply affected by the experience. Robin Adams started Digital Literacy Rocks in 2017 with a mission: to guide and empower people as they learn computer skills in a way that makes sense to them.

How We Are Different

In order to learn well from a YouTube video or a book like *Excel for Dummies*, a person needs to feel comfortable learning independently and without feedback. The adults who enjoy our classes learn better when they have personal support. They need to be able to ask questions and see live demonstrations. They need lots of practice and encouragement. That's why our LIVE, online classes make all the difference for them. We start where they are and teach in a way that makes sense to them.

Our Classes

We teach at two levels:

- Beginner classes include an introduction to Computer Basics. This teaches people how to use a mouse effectively, navigate around the computer, and understand the special keys on the keyboard. These skills are necessary for general computer use and are a prerequisite for all other courses which includes an introduction to the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint and Excel) as well as the basics of using the internet and e-mail safely.
- Intermediate classes delve further into the use of the Microsoft Office Suite. These classes are ideal for those who have completed the beginner class or have used the computer for some time and want to boost their skill level to become more competent in the use of technology on their jobs and in their personal lives.

Thank you for supporting digital literacy. Your donation helps us continue working to change their lives.