



# Coursera Skills Training & Career Exploration Initiative: FAQs

## Background:

Through this initiative, all Minnesotans impacted by COVID-19 are eligible to take advantage of free online skills training and career exploration opportunities through the Coursera online learning platform.

## What is Coursera?

Coursera is an online learning platform that hosts over 3,800 courses and learning modules from over 200 universities and businesses from around the world, including the University of Minnesota. The platform can be accessed online at [Coursera.org](https://www.coursera.org) or by downloading the Coursera app from your mobile device's app store. Courses can also be downloaded and accessed while offline.

## So who is eligible for free classes through this initiative?

Anyone in Minnesota can request access by filling out the form at [www.CareerForceMN.com/Coursera](https://www.CareerForceMN.com/Coursera). You should receive an email from Coursera within a day of submitting the form inviting you to activate your account.

## What's included with a free account through this initiative?

- Access to almost every course in the Coursera catalog at no direct cost to the learner.
- Any certificates or professional certifications earned by users on the platform are also available at no cost.
- Access to technical support through the Coursera platform.

## Are there any deadlines I should know about if I sign up?

- All Minnesotans can access Coursera at no cost through this initiative as long as they request access and create their account by **December 31, 2020**.
- Everyone who is learning on Coursera will have access at no cost until **March 31, 2021**, with a deadline to enroll in new courses being **January 31, 2021**. Be sure to give yourself enough time to complete any courses you are working on!

- If you choose to continue learning on the platform after **March 31, 2021** you will need to subscribe for a paid account through Coursera (typically around \$400 annually).

## Can I get college credits for taking courses on Coursera through this initiative?

If you have been accepted into a university or college, or if you are already enrolled in one, you should check with your school's registrar's office or the administrative entity or office at your school that is responsible for determining credit for prior learning and eligibility for online learning platforms like Coursera. Colleges and universities have unique policies and procedures for awarding credit for prior learning, including test outs, assessment of prior learning, or credit for military experience, among others.

For a list of credit for prior learning options for a Minnesota State college or university, visit <https://minnstate.edu/admissions/cpl.html>

## What other skills training or career exploration services are out there for Minnesotans?

For other job training, career exploration and career counseling services, or other workforce development programs that you would like to learn more about, visit [www.CareerForceMN.com/locations](https://www.CareerForceMN.com/locations) to find your nearest CareerForce location and learn about the services you might be eligible for. Many can be accessed online!

For additional non-credit training options through Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, visit <https://minnstate.edu/ws/index.html>