

# Free Online Job Skills Training

Opening Doors to Learning Without the Cost

#### Overview

Access to job skills training can transform someone's ability to find and keep employment — but cost and accessibility often stand in the way. This guide highlights trusted, no-cost online training platforms that help justice-impacted individuals build marketable skills, boost confidence, and prepare for employment in today's economy.

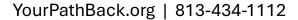
## **Why Online Training Matters**

- Flexible: Learn on your own schedule
- Free: No upfront costs or hidden fees
- Diverse: Offers training in trades, technology, business, customer service, and more
- Self-paced: Ideal for those returning to the workforce or managing other responsibilities

## Top Platforms Offering Free Job Skills Training

## 1. Coursera (Free Courses Option)

- Website: https://www.coursera.org
- Courses from universities like Yale, Stanford, and Google
- Covers business, IT support, project management, customer service, etc.
- Look for "audit" or "free" options at checkout
- Note: Professional certificates require a fee, but some financial aid is available





## 2. edX (Audit for Free)

- Website: https://www.edx.org
- Partners with Harvard, MIT, and other top schools
- Offers free auditing for most courses in areas like computer science, data analysis, and communication
- · Upgrade for certificates if desired

## 3. Google Career Certificates (via Coursera)

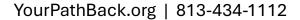
- Website: https://grow.google/certificates
- IT support, Data Analytics, UX Design, and more
- In-demand credentials
- Financial aid available on Coursera

#### 4. Khan Academy

- Website: <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org">https://www.khanacademy.org</a>
- 100% free, ad-free nonprofit
- Offers basic education (math, reading, science) and life skills
- Great for GED prep or brushing up before training

## 5. GCFGlobal / Goodwill Community Foundation

- Website: https://edu.gcfglobal.org
- Offers beginner-friendly tutorials in:
  - Microsoft Office (Word, Excel)
  - Email and internet skills
  - Career planning and communication





Available in multiple languages

## 6. LinkedIn Learning (via Public Libraries)

- Website: <a href="https://linkedin.com/learning">https://linkedin.com/learning</a>
  (Access via local library portal for free)
- Professional training in thousands of job categories
- Includes courses on leadership, teamwork, time management, and specific software
- Check your local library's website to see if you qualify

## 7. SkillUp by Opportunity@Work

- Website: https://www.skillup.org
- Tailored for low-income and underserved job seekers
- Offers curated career pathways and access to free or discounted training
- Resume-building, career navigation, and job-matching tools included

#### 8. Alison

- Website: https://alison.com
- Free job skills certifications and diplomas
- Courses in HR, healthcare, customer service, construction safety, and more
- Optional fees for certificates/diplomas, but content is free

## **Tips for Success**

- **Start small**: Choose 1–2 courses that match your goals
- Set goals: Commit to a schedule, even if it's 15 minutes a day



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- Track your progress: Keep a notebook or digital log of what you've completed
- Add to your resume: List completed courses or certifications under "Skills" or "Training"

# **Final Thoughts**

Everyone deserves the opportunity to grow. Whether you're preparing for your first job or transitioning back into the workforce, these free resources can help you build confidence and capability — one skill at a time.

# Want to Help?

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