Community Computer Education Program

Masjid Al-Salaam and Education Center has realized that a lifelong pursuit of learning is needed to keep abreast of the knowledge explosion and the influence of social and cultural changes. Masjid Al-Salaam and Education Center makes available to the community a rich array of courses, seminars and short-term programs that encourage lifelong learning and help students meet their professional, career, civic and personal development goals.

Basic Computer Literacy

Introduction to computer classes provided instruction in the operation of the computer, basic computer terminology, uses and applications, and provides a brief introduction to word processing. Computer Literacy is currently provided for students enrolled in adult education programs or workplace environments. Computer Literacy is designed to assist enrolled students in becoming literate in the use of technology as a learning tool and not to provide comprehensive training to achieve proficiency in specific software programs.

Often non-credit community computer education has been called the "portal to the future" for many people. These educational opportunities provide adults with the opportunity to improve earning potential, literacy skills, lifelong learning experiences, remedial education, certifications, hobby learning experiences, and more.

How to Use the Internet for Baby Boomers

There are many people today who are not familiar with Internet basic skills. Although the Internet has been available for everyday use for over 25 years, this technological advancement is still foreign to a lot of adults. The Internet is a dynamic means of communicating, shopping, and socializing today.

The Internet can been intimidating and foreign to those who are not familiar with the way the system works. This is why many of today's adults avoid computers and anything to do with the Internet, because it is new world all unto itself.

Learning the language, how to access the Internet, how to tell the good from the bad, and many other attributes of the Internet is comparable to learning a foreign language to many adults.

Continuing Education for Developing Internet Skills

The Internet is not something that can be easily avoided today. There are many benefits to using the Internet for adults and unfortunately some negative aspects as well. This is when learning basic Internet skills through community education programs are very helpful. These continuing education programs will typically include:

- *Computer Fundamentals – Basic* which typically focuses on navigating your way around the basic functions of a computer
- *Computer Fundamentals – Advanced* which typically focuses on using basic computer programs such as word processing and more
- *Internet Fundamentals – Basic* which typically focuses on Internet safety and setting a free e-mail account, along with attaching photos and documents to e-mails

- *Internet Fundamentals – Level 2* which typically includes searching the Internet for visiting social networks, shopping, online maps, specific information, and more topics.

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