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Re: Free Microsoft Certification offered at North Olympic Library System
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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS), in partnership with the Washington State Library, is offering multiple testing sessions for Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) and Microsoft Technology Associate certification exams at NO CHARGE. Market value for a MOS exam is typically between \$99 and \$130 per exam, depending on the location. Testing will be held at the following NOLS locations and times:

Port Angeles Main Library
Monday, October 29, 5pm-7pm

Sequim Branch Library
Monday, November 5, 12pm-2pm

Port Angeles Main Library
Monday, November 19, 5pm-7pm

Forks Branch Library
Wednesday, December 5, 12-2pm

Port Angeles Main Library
Monday, December 10, 5pm-7pm

Limited space is available and registration is required at www.nols.org/events. Multiple one-hour sessions are available at this event, but it is only possible to take one exam per session (you have 50 minutes to complete each exam). If you wish to take multiple exams, please register for multiple sessions. If you're unable to attend one of the designated testing sessions, contact ehelp@nols.org to schedule an individual testing appointment with library staff.

Microsoft Office proficiency is one of the most requested job skills, across all occupations and industries, and holding a MOS certification can earn an entry-level business employee as much as \$16,000 more in annual salary than their uncertified peers. Those who earn MOS certification are able to demonstrate that they have the skills to excel at work or school in one or more Microsoft Office programs.

Lynda.com

NOLS provides free access to Lynda.com which can be used to prepare for Microsoft Certification Exams. Lynda.com is a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology, and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Library cardholders have free access to the Lynda.com video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts.

Lynda.com's library of courses and instructional videos can be accessed with a library card from any device with an internet connection. Users can personalize their Lynda.com account to help manage course history, playlists, bookmarks, and certificates of completion. Many courses also feature exercise files. For example, while watching a tutorial about Microsoft Excel, users can follow the activity with downloadable, pre-populated Excel spreadsheet files.

To get started, visit www.nols.org and click on "Online Resources" and then "Online Classes." Once enrolled, explore the catalog of courses and continue the self-paced coursework on any computer at the library or at home.

Microsoft
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