

## Online and Remote Learning

Are you considering moving your literacy program to remote or online delivery? You may have questions like, “How should I change my teaching style?” “How can I best support my learners?” and “What online platforms are available?” We’re here to help!

In response to requests from literacy practitioners like you, ABC Life Literacy Canada (ABC) has compiled some recommended links for:

1. teaching resource collections
2. support for practitioners and tutors moving online
3. tips to adapt your program for remote delivery
4. support for learners moving online
5. remote accessibility

The resources in this list cover best practices for online program delivery, as well as other forms of remote program delivery, such as phone or text. While the transition to online learning often requires a substantial investment of both time and resources for organizations, making the shift to remote delivery can be scaled to suit many organizations’ needs and budgets. We hope this list will provide the support and inspiration you need to get started!

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## 1. Teaching resource collections

These websites are full of valuable information and helpful links! Take some time to explore remote (not just online) teaching resources compiled from all over the web.

- **ABC Life Literacy Canada: How to support adult learners in a remote setting**  
This blog post from ABC is full of information for practitioners moving to remote teaching. Scroll to the bottom for a comprehensive list of ABC teaching resources you can use today!  
<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/blog-posts/how-to-support-adult-learners-in-a-remote-setting/>
- **Common Sense: 18 Distance Learning Tools with Sound Privacy Practices**  
Are you concerned about maintaining your learners' privacy through remote learning? Put your mind at ease with this list of online tools with sound privacy practices.  
<https://www.common sense.org/education/articles/18-distance-learning-tools-with-sound-privacy-practices>
- **Good Learning Anywhere: Literacy & Adult Education Daily**  
Follow Good Learning Anywhere's Twitter feed for daily roundups of education news with a focus on remote learning.  
[https://twitter.com/shlc\\_gla](https://twitter.com/shlc_gla)
- **Google: Explore distance learning resources for schools affected by COVID-19**  
Are you curious about using Google for teaching? Start with this introductory guide to Google tools that can support distance education.  
[https://edu.google.com/intl/en\\_ca/latest-news/covid-19-support-resources/?modal\\_active=none](https://edu.google.com/intl/en_ca/latest-news/covid-19-support-resources/?modal_active=none)
- **UNESCO: Distance Learning Solutions**  
UNESCO has compiled a great list of resources for educators moving to remote teaching. Check out unique categories like "Resources to provide psychosocial support" and "Systems built for use on basic mobile phones."  
<https://en.unesco.org/covid19/educationresponse/solutions>
- **UNHCR: Digital Learning Resources List**  
This list contains hundreds of links to distance education resources in a variety of languages including English and French. Feeling overwhelmed? Start by checking out the highlighted resources.  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yn2rrbhHViGDMPvrioQPmXStWT2gQzH3rIKV60KTaHw/edit?usp=sharing>

## 2. Support for practitioners and tutors moving online

Are you wondering how to adapt your teaching style now that you're working remotely? Follow these links for tips and tricks.

- **Chronicle of Higher Education: How to be a Better Online Teacher**

This guide offers lots of advice for anyone who is teaching online for the first time. You'll find great ideas for how to adapt your teaching style as you move online.

<https://www.chronicle.com/interactives/advice-online-teaching>

- **Contact North: 10 Ways to Help Online Learners Succeed**

This brief guide uses Cognitive Load Theory to offer advice for helping your learners succeed. The guide focuses on online learning, but this advice is also useful for other forms of remote learning.

<https://teachonline.ca/tips-tools/10-ways-help-online-learners-succeed>

## 3. Tips to adapt your program for remote delivery

Are you adapting your program for remote delivery for the first time? Do you feel like you don't know where to start? These links will give you some ideas!

- **ABC Life Literacy Canada: Remote Learning & Adult Literacy Webinar**

ABC recently hosted a webinar with experts in online teaching. The goal was to share best practices for moving your teaching online. View the recording here.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2416030326375693>

- **ABC Life Literacy Canada: Webinars**

Learn more about ABC's webinars on remote program delivery, including Tech Talk Tuesdays, a webinar series featuring online tools like Zoom, Google Meet, FaceTime and Skype. You can find recordings of past webinars and links to upcoming learning events.

<https://abclifelifiteracy.ca/blog-posts/introducing-a-webinar-series-on-remote-program-delivery/>

- **Tony Bates: Online Learning and Distance Education Resources**

This blog is written by Tony Bates, Research Associate with Contact North, and one of ABC's recent webinar panelists. Look here for specific advice on moving to distance learning during COVID.

<https://www.tonybates.ca/>

- **University of Western Ontario: Course Design for Rapidly Moving Your Course Online**

The university's Centre for Teaching and Learning has put together this collection of lessons and videos for moving a course online quickly. Topics include "How Online Learners Learn" and "Facilitating Online Learning."

<https://teaching.uwo.ca/elearning/index.html>

## 4. Support for learners moving online

Are your students learning online for the first time? Share these links to help them get started on the right foot.

- **ABC Life Literacy Canada: Youth Teaching Adults lesson plans**  
Many learners need extra digital literacy help as they move to online or remote learning. You can share these lesson plans directly with learners and support them in learning from home, or provide guidance for how they can work with their family to develop their skills. Of course, you can always choose to use the materials with your learners in a virtual workshop-setting by booking a workshop. Check out lessons on Gmail, WhatsApp, Facebook, and many more, in English and French.  
<https://youthteachingadults.ca/resources/>
- **Northeastern University: Time Management Tips for Online Students**  
Your learners can find useful time management advice here for learning from home.  
<https://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/blog/time-management-tips-online-students/>

## 5. Remote accessibility

Are you worried about your learners being able to access remote lessons? These tools offer information and solutions for issues surrounding internet and mobile accessibility across the country.

- **CRTC: Internet Access in Canada map**  
This is a remarkable interactive map tracking access to various forms of internet across Canada. It also tracks unserved/underserved populations. Available in English and French.  
<https://crtc.gc.ca/cartovista/internetcanada-en/>
- **Government of Canada: Connecting Families**  
Learn about this resource for eligible families to access the internet for \$10/month.  
<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/111.nsf/eng/home>
- **Mobile Plans and COVID**  
Many large mobile service providers are offering phone plans at a reduced rate as well as free wifi hotspots. Find out more here.  
<https://www.whistleout.ca/CellPhones/Guides/covid-19-mobile-carrier-response>