



Worth While Webs

There are thousands of sub-baccalaureate training programs, at the tertiary level, currently available through the Web. Many U.S. colleges and universities, as well as some abroad, have a long history of “extension” and “continuing education” programs that serve students not enrolled in their regular degree

programs. These programs are rapidly adopting web-based course delivery. There are hundreds of web sites that are intended to help people find that training. The following are a few that appear most useful as well as several e-learning web sites that offer technical, business and other courses.

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Petersons

www.petersons.com

This organization prepares some of the most popular guides to U.S. colleges and universities. It also publishes the most extensive guide to distance learning programs offered by those institutions. Some of the programs require only a year or two of training.



TrainSeek

www.trainseek.com

This is a good site for finding web-based training provided by private training companies. It does not include training offered by schools, colleges, and universities. It has information on about 2,000 courses that are currently delivered on the web. The site allows searches for training in about 20 languages, but mostly U.S. companies provide the training.



AltaVista

www.altavista.com

This well-known search engine allows searches in about 25 different languages. A recent search of “web based training” found 26,711 hits in Spanish and 79 in Japanese. Make sure to click on “Advanced Search” to learn how to narrow down AltaVista searches so that you do not have to read through thousands of hits.



Yahoo

www.yahoo.com

Click on “Education” and then “Distance Learning” to gain extensive links to distance education programs, including some programs that are operated by institutions outside of the U.S. Alternatively, click on “Education” and then “Higher Education” to find links to 10,000 polytechnics, colleges, and universities around the world, although most do not yet deliver courses over the web.



All About College

www.allaboutcollege.com

Braintrack University Index

<http://www.braintrack.com>

Universities.com

<http://www.universities.com>

These three sites are markedly inferior to Yahoo's Higher Education coverage, but have some links not available in Yahoo.



USNEI

www.ed.gov/NLE/USNEI/HP0B1.html

This U.S. Government site strives to provide students the world over with authoritative information about education and training opportunities in the United States and to provide U.S. students with authoritative information about education and training abroad.



DigitalThink

www.digitalthink.com

This site offers e-learning technology and business courses in the following industries: financial services, technology, healthcare, consulting and government. Courses start at US\$99, but they offer "sample courses" that consist of one module, which allow you to get a feel of their approach to learning. Some courses offer academic credit, as well.



Headlight.com

www.headlight.com

Headlight offers a large selection of online courses that include web development, graphic design, business, technology, as well as certification courses. Many courses are free and paid courses start at US\$12.95. You can also try one of their free courses before you register and pay.



Hungry Minds

www.hungryminds.com

Hungry Minds offers job training, professional skills, lifelong learning and thousands of academic courses from leading universities, organizations, and experts. In addition, their Subject Experts and editors recommend the best music CDs, software programs, videos, magazines, and other resources to enhance just about any learning experience. Many courses are free and paid courses start at US\$9.95.



Learn2.com

www.learn2.com

This site offers personal skill enhancement courses as well as corporate training courses. The site also contains a bookstore as well as offers the option of downloading courses in PDA format for use on handheld devices. They offer free courses as well as paid courses starting at US\$9.95. In addition, they provide a small number of computer tutorials in Spanish.