FREE AI TRAINING • UPDATED NOVEMBER 2026

Google's Free Gemini & AI Courses

Free Gemini and AI training from Google, plus ways job seekers can get Google's paid AI certificates at no cost. Every title is clickable.

Massachusetts residents: get Google's AI certificates free. Through Dec 31, 2027, MassTech covers the full cost of Google AI Essentials, the Google AI Professional Certificate, Agile Essentials, and Google Career Certificates (including IT Support). **Sign up:** aihub.masstech.org/google-certificates

How to get started (5 minutes)

1. For free short courses, go to Google Skills at skills.google/ and sign in with any Google account.
2. Or click any course title in this PDF to open it directly.
3. Finish the course (and its quiz, if it has one) to earn a free **skill badge** you can share on LinkedIn.
4. Want a full Google **certificate** like AI Essentials? These are normally paid, but see Section 02 for programs that cover the cost for job seekers.
5. Browse Google's full AI learning hub at ai.google/learn-ai-skills/.

Suggested learning paths

A quick way to pick a starting point based on your background.

If you are…	Suggested order
Any job seeker (no coding)	Introduction to Generative AI → AI Power-Ups for Google Workspace → Google AI Essentials (free via Goodwill or MassTech)
IT support / help desk / sysadmin	Google AI Essentials → Google IT Support Certificate → Google AI Professional Certificate
Developer / DevOps	Introduction to Large Language Models → Gemini and the Software Development Lifecycle → Build AI Agents (GEAR)
Teacher / trainer	Generative AI for Educators with Gemini → Gemini Certified Educator exam

01 Start here: free short courses

No-cost courses on Google Skills. Good for anyone, no technical background needed.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Introduction to Generative AI What generative AI is and how it differs from traditional machine learning. **Best first course for anyone.** skills.google/paths/118/course_templates/536	Short video	Skill badge
Introduction to Large Language Models What large language models are and how prompt tuning improves their results. skills.google/course_templates/539	Short	Skill badge
AI Power-Ups for Google Workspace Use Gemini in Gmail, Docs, and Workspace to summarize email, find information, and draft replies. skills.google/course_templates/1423	5 min	Skill badge
Gemini Prompt Guide for Workspace Google's prompting handbook: how to write prompts using persona, task, context, and format. workspace.google.com/learning/content/gemini-prompt-guide	~1 hr read	—

02 Career certificates: free for job seekers

Google's full certificates are normally a paid Coursera subscription. These programs cover the cost.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Free Google AI certificates through Goodwill For people using Goodwill's career services: Accelerate Your Job Search with AI, Google AI Essentials, Google Prompting Essentials, and the Google AI Professional Certificate, free for a limited time. Questions: learnai@goodwill.org. goodwill.org/blog/career-and-financial-advice/accelerate-your-job-search-with-ai-googles-ai-job-search-course/	Self-paced	Google certificate
Free Google certificates for Massachusetts residents (MassTech) MA residents get no-cost access to AI Essentials, the AI Professional Certificate, Agile Essentials, and Google Career Certificates (including IT Support) through Dec 31, 2027. aihub.masstech.org/google-certificates	Self-paced	Google certificate
Google AI Essentials Five modules on AI basics, everyday productivity, prompting, and responsible use. grow.google/ai-essentials/	5 modules	Google certificate
Google AI Professional Certificate Eight courses with 20+ hands-on activities: research, writing, data analysis, and app building. Includes 3 months of Google AI Pro. grow.google/ai-professional	8 courses	Google certificate

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Google Career Certificates Job-ready programs (IT Support, Data Analytics, Cybersecurity, and more) with built-in AI training. grow.google/certificates	Self-paced	Google certificate

03 Technical & cloud courses

For developers, IT pros, and leaders working with Google Cloud and Gemini.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Gemini and the Software Development Lifecycle Use Gemini to develop, test, deploy, and manage applications. skills.google/paths/236/course_templates/885	Short	Skill badge
Introduction to AI Image Generation How diffusion models create images, including training and deploying them on Vertex AI. skills.google/paths/183/course_templates/541	Short	Skill badge
Innovating with Google Cloud AI For leaders: how organizations use Google AI and ML to transform how they work. skills.google/course_templates/946	Short	Skill badge
Build AI Agents with Google (GEAR program) Hands-on agent building through the Gemini Enterprise Agent Ready program. Members get 35 free learning credits a month. developers.google.com/program/gear	Ongoing	—
Google Skills full catalog Browse every course and lab. Many are free; the full catalog is $29/month. skills.google/catalog	Varies	Skill badges

04 Gemini certifications for educators & students

Free exams from Google for Education. Certifications are valid for 3 years.

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Gemini Certified Educator (exam) Free 2-hour multiple-choice exam for educators. Register at the certifications launchpad. educertifications.google	2 hr exam	Certification
Generative AI for Educators with Gemini Free prep course on using Gemini in teaching. edu.exceedlms.com/student/path/1787126-generative-ai-for-educators-with-gemini	Self-paced	—
Get Started with Google AI in K12 Education Free prep course for K-12 educators. edu.exceedlms.com/student/path/1725537-get-started-with-google-ai-in-k12-education	Self-paced	—

COURSE	LENGTH	CREDENTIAL
Gemini Certified University Student Free certification for college and university students, with free training videos. grow.google/students/	Exam	Certification

05 More free resources

- **Google's AI learning hub (all offerings):** ai.google/learn-ai-skills/, including free YouTube courses on AI and responsible AI.
- **Grow with Google job tools:** grow.google: Career Dreamer (explore job paths) and Interview Warmup (practice interviews).
- **Google AI Studio (free playground for Gemini):** aistudio.google.com
- **Make AI Work for You (free small-business workshop):** grow.google/grow-your-business

Good to know: Google offers three levels of credentials. **Skill badges** on Google Skills are free. **Certificates** (AI Essentials, AI Professional, Career Certificates) normally cost about $49/month on Coursera, but Goodwill and MassTech offer them free to eligible people. **Certifications** are exams: the Gemini ones for educators and students are free, while Google Cloud certifications are paid proctored exams. Offers and deadlines change, so check each page.