

Academy of Information Technology (IT)

Curricula & Content

We offer five NAF-created Information technology courses, including programming, design, and computer systems, along with third-party content to support educators and students. All courses, projects, and resources are available at learning.naf.org.

NAF's courses and content are FREE for NAF academies. Projects are open-access; courses require login.



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NAF Courses & Projects

NAF AI Career Connections NEW!

<https://ash.naf.org/public/learning/course/ai-career-connections>

- Free AI fundamentals unit
- Builds academic and professional skills
- No AI experience needed for educators
- Integrates easily into existing curriculum
- Applies to all pathways

Principles of IT

Fundamentals of hardware, operating systems, software, networks, security, privacy, societal impacts, and career opportunities. (Year 1)

Computer Systems

Hardware setup, software installation, network connections, and troubleshooting. (Year 1 or 2)

Graphic Design

Introduction to visual communication, design principles, Adobe Photoshop, and elements like color, typography, and imagery through hands-on projects. (Any year)

Intro to Programming

Basic Python programming, program design, documentation, debugging, and testing. (Year 2 or 3)

Web Design

Website creation with HTML, design principles, usability, accessibility, and development tools; includes career exploration. (Year 2 or 3)

NAF Expeditions

<https://ash.naf.org/public/learning/projects/information-technology>

Free, career-connected projects combining hands-on learning with career exploration in Computer Vision and Cybersecurity (in collaboration with Verizon), plus Creative Coding, Eco-Tech, and more!

Resources

AI Education Project (aiEDU) – Free courses advancing AI literacy and readiness for students and teachers.

Cambridge International Education – Computer science course in computational thinking and programming; exam may earn college credit.

CODE.org – Free curricula and professional development for teaching coding, computational thinking, and problem-solving (Intro to AP levels).

CYBER.org – Free courses in cybersecurity, coding, networking, and more; includes prep for CompTIA certification exams.

The Coding School – Yearlong virtual courses in AI and Quantum Computing, free for participating NAF academies.

Google Applied Digital Skills – Free, video-based curriculum to build digital and life skills using Google apps.

