



# MOOCs | A Guide for Educators

(Massive Open Online Courses)








Discover a new way to improve your knowledge and skills!

MOOCs are courses available online, typically free, that expand access to quality education.

They are a unique opportunity to learn a new subject, upgrade job skills, get a professional certification and receive academic credit.

MOOCs are:

-  Open to anyone with an internet connection.
-  Offered in different fields of study from high-tech science to food management.
-  Backed by major institutions and the world's leading universities.
-  Available in numerous languages
-  Accessible any time, any place.



Educators are uniquely positioned to understand the educational needs of youth and young adults and to promote lifelong learning opportunities.

Educators themselves are among the largest users of MOOCs! They can stay up-to-date on the latest trends in their area of expertise, pedagogy and technology. **40% of learners who take open online courses in the US are educators improving their knowledge and work related skills\*.**

## What can educators do?



\* Source: <http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2015/04/massive-study-on-moocs/>

# Sign up and take a MOOC!

Here are some platforms to choose from:

**coursera**

<https://www.coursera.org/>



Coursera is an education platform that partners with top universities and organizations worldwide to offer courses online for anyone to take.

**edX**

<https://www.edx.org/>



Founded by Harvard University and MIT in 2012, edX is an online learning destination and MOOC provider, offering high-quality courses from the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere.



UDACITY

<https://www.udacity.com>



Udacity offers a range of online courses from Entrepreneurship, Design and Math to Physics and Genomics.

**miríada**



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Miriada X offers Spanish language courses from leading Latin American institutions.





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