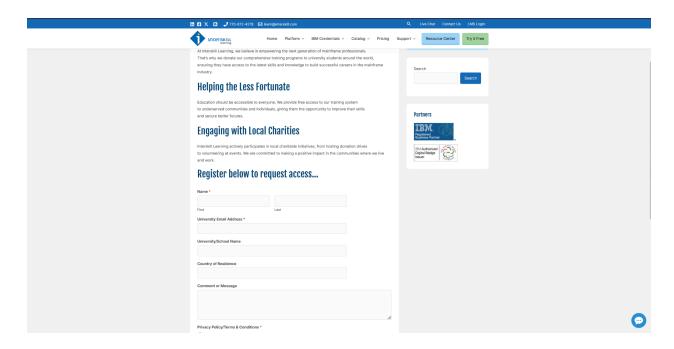
## Getting Started with Interskill Learning: IBM Z Xplore Setup & Guide

## What is Interskill Learning?

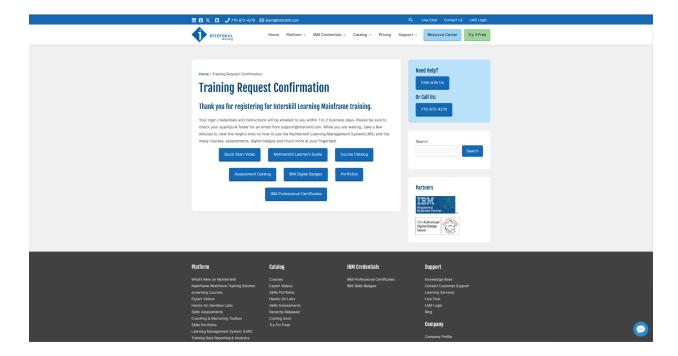
- Interskill Learning is a resource that provides online training specifically for IBM mainframe technologies.
- Founded in 1991, Interskill Learning set out with the goal of finding a better way to teach both new and experienced IBM mainframers.
- Training is usually funded or sponsored by employers, organizations, or institutions.
  - Thanks to Interskill Learning, all courses and badges are accessible to current NIU students.
- Through certified IBM Z courses, users who complete training earn recognized badges that can be showcased on résumés, in networking, and on professional platforms such as LinkedIn.
- Courses can be completed at the user's own pace and include labs, quizzes, and simulations.

## How to start your Interskill Learning account

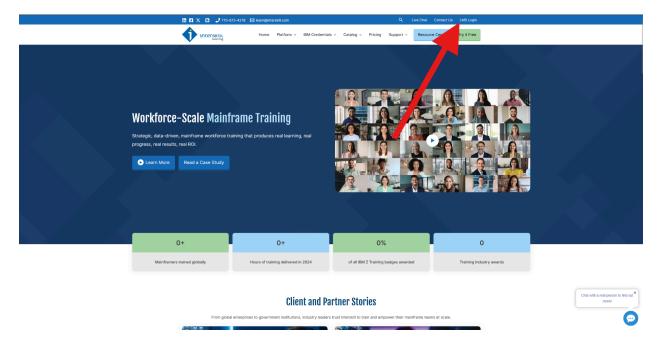
- First, go to Interskill Learning to create an account.
  - https://interskill.com/giving-back-to-the-community/
- Scroll down until you see the page shown below:



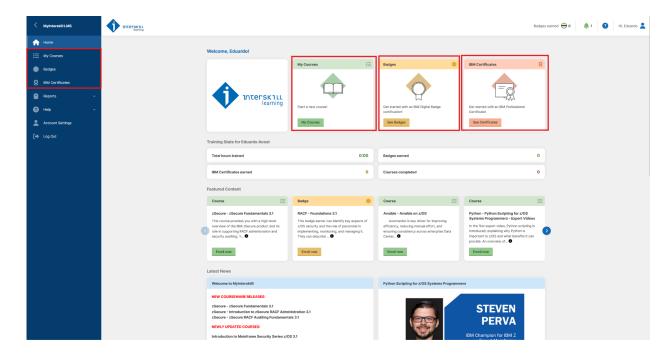
- Fill in the information requested
  - For Company, type Northern Illinois University
  - o For Work Email, type your NIU student email address
- Click Submit and you will see the following screen:



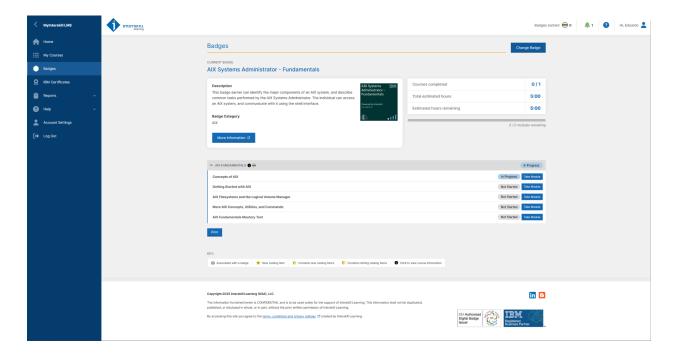
- While you wait for your login credentials, Interskill Learning lets you access the catalog of courses and other resources they provide.
  - When you receive your credentials, you will be prompted to reset or create your password (should take around 5–10 minutes).
- Once you have your credentials, log in to Interskill by clicking LMS Log In at the top right of the main page and start learning.



- Once logged in, you will see the front dashboard
  - On the dashboard, you can access My Courses, See Badges, and See
    Certificates buttons/
  - You can also use the sidebar on the left to access them



- Click your choice of interest (My Courses, See Badges, See Certificates) to open
  a search bar that shows relevant courses, badges, or IBM certificates
- Decide what you want to work on (for example, AIX Systems Administrator -Fundamentals badge) and click Enroll Class
- You will then be prompted with a screen similar to the example shown



- View the estimated time for a badge, certificate, or learning and check the curriculum
- Click the More Information blue button near the description for additional details
- You can work on multiple badges, certificates, or learnings at the same time by clicking the blue button at the top right and selecting your choice
- Through NIU, Huskies enrolled in Interskill Learning have access to all badges,
  certificates, and learnings, equivalent to a paid subscription
- Happy learning!