

Mission

The mission of the Digital Preservation Outreach and Education (DPOE) initiative is to foster national outreach and education to encourage individuals and organizations to actively preserve their digital content, building on a collaborative network of instructors, contributors, and institutional partners.

Objectives

- Define education needs
- Review existing curricula
- Define core principles
- Build an instructor base
- Evaluate delivery options
- Develop educational outreach materials

Digital Preservation Training Activities

Currently, digital preservation training programs exist in a few parts of the country in the form of: conferences, workshops, graduate degrees, professional certificates, internships, and online learning. However, many parts of the country still lack sufficient digital preservation training. DPOE's goal is for digital preservation training to occur in every state in the U.S.



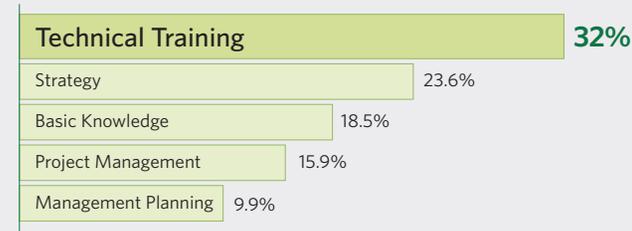
- ▲ Certificate
- ★ Conference
- ◆ Graduate Degree
- ✱ Internship
- Online learning
- Workshop
- Mixed

Training Needs Assessment Survey

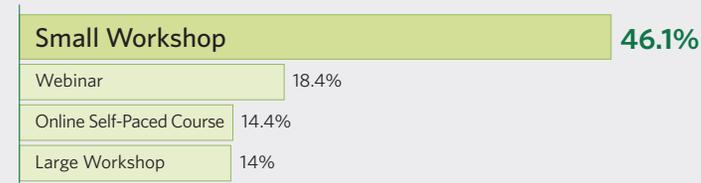
868 Respondents
 40% Libraries / 34% Archives
 16% Museums / 4.5% Historical Societies

Survey Findings

Respondents' Top Training Needs Ranking



Respondents' Top Training Format Preference



Respondents' Collected File Types

The majority of the participants had digital images, PDFs, and audio visual files in their holdings.

Thematic Comments from the Survey

"We absolutely need hands-on, practical how-to information."

"We need case studies and models on how to work with IT..."

"Management needs to understand the importance of digital preservation."

Top Priorities

- **Launch nationwide online course calendar:** create an online hub of digital preservation education offerings from multiple providers.
- **Train-the-trainer course:** instructors, drawn from an existing pool of experts, will train professionals from around the United States.
- **Steering committee:** establish a committee to provide advice and guidance to build DPOE and coordinate with related national and international education and outreach initiatives.
- **Funding model:** identify and establish funding models including designated funding, grant opportunities, public and private sector partners.

Strategic Approach

To Recruit and Support Target Audiences

