

## The Best New Skills Seniors Should Learn to Add More Fun to Your Life

Seniors are enjoying more active lives today than ever before, and they're making the most of technology and groups of friends to do it. Seniors are having the time of their lives by ramping up their technology know-how and pursuing new passions. Some are finding new ways to pad their income, and some are fulfilling their bucket lists in ways they never thought possible. They're also finding that learning new skills keeps their minds sharp and provides them with new ways to have fun. If you're a senior looking to add more fun to your life, consider these suggestions from [Senior Services of Wichita](#) and learn some new skills.

### 1. Playing Games Online

One of the best ways for seniors to become more comfortable with technology is to begin



playing games online. Not only will you learn more about the internet and your computer or tablet, but you will play games that will sharpen your mind or give you a fun way to pass the time. You should begin by searching online for senior games and choosing those that you most enjoy and don't require much technology know-how until you become more comfortable using it.

Some of the best [senior online games](#) include AARP's Ice Cream Blast and Find-O-Vision. In fact, AARP features games that sharpen your

cognitive skills and provide you with the opportunity to play against other people online. You also should check out [Chess.com](#), [JigsawPuzzles.com](#), and [EastoftheWeb.com](#) for some of the most fun senior games. Brain games like puzzles and crosswords have the power to improve your working memory.

### 2. Taking Up Digital Photography

Many seniors enjoy traveling, and you probably take several pictures of your adventures. If this describes you, then you should take your photography skills one step further and begin mastering digital photography. Digital photography is an ideal hobby for anyone, but seniors have more time to uncover the secrets and wonders of taking the best photos.

Even if you are not the most adept with technology, you can master digital photography. You may choose to begin with the camera built into your smartphone or tablet and then advance to a stand-alone digital camera. Thanks to the features built into [smartphones](#), tablets, and digital cameras, you easily can share, edit, or transform your photographs without needing extra software or accessories. You also can use services like [Shutterfly](#) to print your photos or create

calendars, mugs, or other products featuring them so you can share your memories with friends and family.

### **3. Learning to be a Part-Time Real Estate Agent**

For seniors looking to have fun in other ways, using the internet to become a part-time real estate agent is an ideal way to meet people, expand your skill set, and pad your income. Some seniors find that they have a little too much free time in retirement and look for a part-time job with flexible hours and the opportunity to be your own boss; becoming a real estate agent fits the bill.

You can determine exactly how much time you want to devote to working for clients, and you can make it a lucrative part-time career. You will benefit the most by pursuing senior clients because many senior home buyers prefer to work with an agent in their age range. You also can earn a [special certification](#) from the National Association of Realtors to specialize in real estate for seniors.

You won't be able to become a real estate agent overnight since the career does require a license and training, but if you have previous work experience, you likely have a strong set of skills in negotiation or customer service. Seniors make great real estate agents because they also have a great deal of life experience and can relate to clients and use insight from purchasing their own homes to help clients through transactions.

### **4. Turning a Hobby into a Career**

While learning a hobby may start out as a fun way to spend your time, if you're truly passionate about what you're learning, you may choose to venture into business. If you're thinking about taking this route, carefully consider your target market and expenses and start putting a business plan together.

One important consideration is your business structure. Many small businesses choose to register as a limited liability company, as this structure offers pass-through taxation, less paperwork, and added flexibility. Fortunately, [Kansas business registration](#) isn't a complicated process, and you can save time and money through hiring a formation service.

Seniors don't have to let your age stand in your way of learning new things and pursuing new passions. Some of the best skills you can learn online or with a group of friends in your golden years include playing games online, taking up digital photography, and learning to be a part-time real estate agent. Not only will you have more fun, but you also have the potential to pad your income, if you learn these new skills.

*For more support on living your happiest and healthiest life in your golden years, get in touch with [Senior Services of Wichita](#). We offer a [variety of services](#) to seniors in our community, including in-home support, meal delivery, and employment opportunities.*

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