Building a Strong Foundation for Lifelong Literacy Success

Introduction

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Agenda

- Warm Welcome
- Introduction to the Content
- Module 1: Understanding the Neuroscience of Literacy
- Registration and Navigation of Pepper
- Questions and Answers
- Optimistic Closure

Warm Welcome

In the chat box introduce yourself, the school district or supervisor unions that you are representing and a current book you are reading for fun.

Introduction to the Content

Building a Strong Foundation for Lifelong Literacy Success

- Six Asynchronous Virtual Learning Modules
- Each module is 6-8 lessons, 45 to 60 minutes in length
- 45 hours total
- Educators and Administrators
- Kindergarten through Grade 12
- No-cost

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG LITERACY SUCCESS

ONLINE SUPPORT MODULES

Module 1: K–12 Understanding the Neuroscience of Literacy

Modules for Grades K–3	Modules for Grades 4–12
Module 2: Exploring Language and Phonology	**Module 2: Exploring Adolescent Literacy**
Module 3: Understanding Phonics and Word Study Instruction	**Module 3: Implementing Advanced Word Study**
Module 4: Creating Fluent Readers	**Module 4: Creating Fluent Readers**
Module 5: Developing Vocabulary	**Module 5: Developing Vocabulary**
Module 6: Increasing Reading Comprehension	**Module 6: Increasing Reading Comprehension**

Timeline

Module	Release Date
Module 1 (K-12): Understanding the Neuroscience of Literacy	September 21, 2023
Module 2 (K-3): Exploring Language & Phonology	November 2023
Module 2 (4-12): Exploring Adolescent Literacy	November 2023
Module 3 (K-3): Understanding Phonics & Word Study Instruction	January 2024
Module 3 (4-12): Implementing Advanced Word Study	January 2024
Module 4 (K-3) and (4-12): Creating Fluent Readers	March 2024
Module 5 (K-3) and (4-12): Developing Vocabulary	May 2024
Module 6 (K-3) and (4-12): Increasing Reading Comprehension	June 2024

Module 1: K-12 Understanding the Neuroscience of Literacy

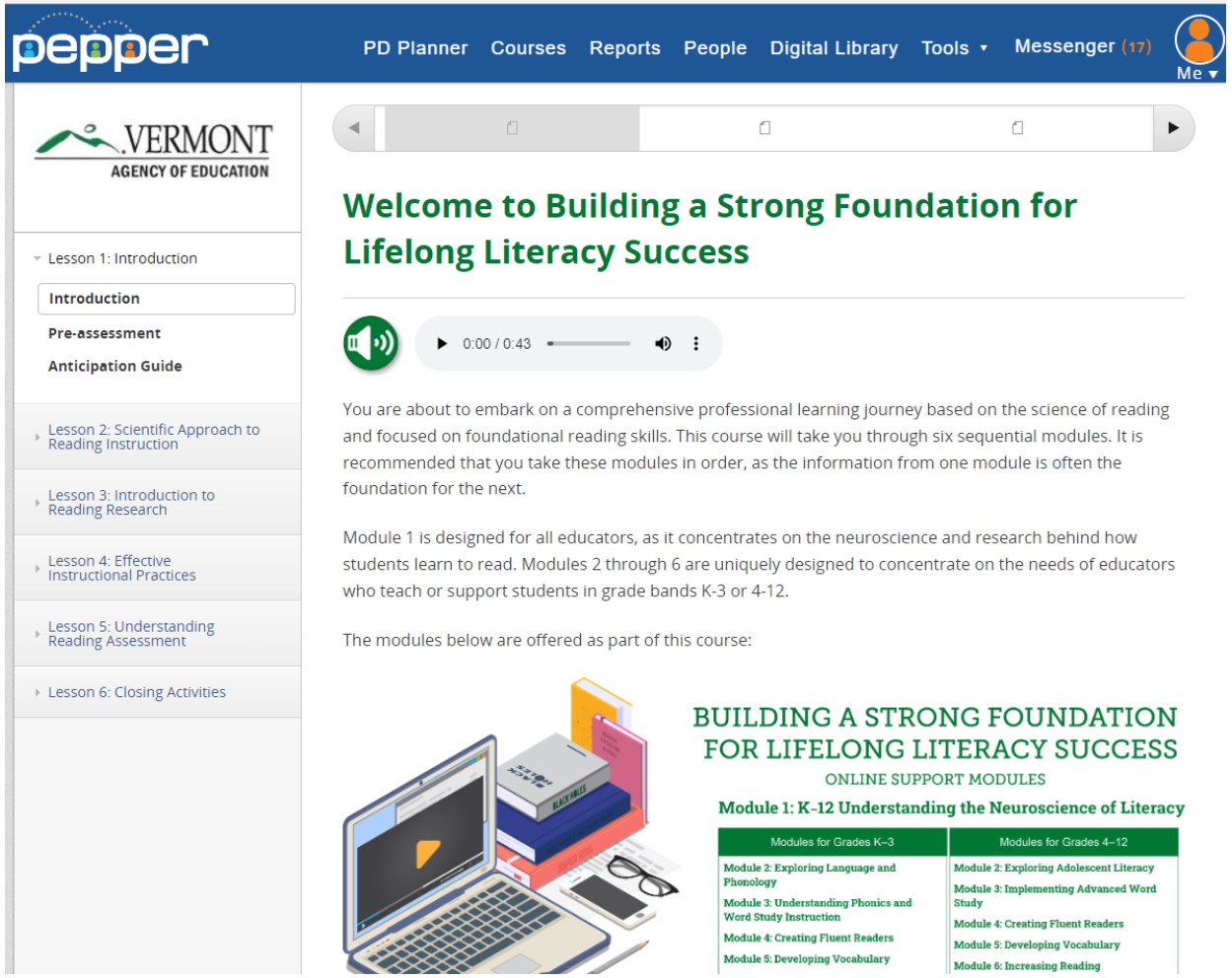
Understanding the Neuroscience of Literacy Outline

- Introduction
- Scientific Approach to Literacy Instruction
- Introduction to Literacy Research
- Effective Instructional Practices
- Understanding Literacy Assessment
- Closing

Understanding the Neuroscience of Literacy Topics

- How the brain processes reading or the neuroscience of literacy
- Language processing requirements of proficient reading and writing
- How cognition and behavior affect reading and writing
- Environmental, cultural, and social factors that contribute to literacy development
- Developmental progression of literacy skills
- Relationships among major components of research-based literacy development
- Causal relationship among the components of literacy
- Goals and learner expectations for various stages of reading and writing development

Navigating the Content in Pepper



What to expect in Pepper™

Module 1: Understanding the Science of Reading
How the Brain Learns – Video Viewing Note-Catcher

Directions: As you watch the video "How the Brain Learns to Read - Prof. Stanislas Dehaene," complete the chart below (stop at 15:40).

Questions	Response
According to Professor Dehaene, what is the *letter box*?	
From the brain's point of view, learning to read consists of:	1. 2.
Explain how literacy acquisition changes the brain.	
Explain mirror writing and reading. Does this indicate dyslexia? Why or why not?	
Explain why phonics instruction is more effective than whole-word reading instruction.	
Explain how neurosciences can help education.	

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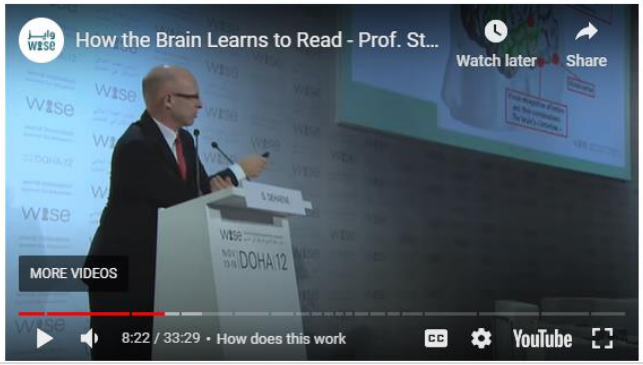
Watch the video until 15:40.



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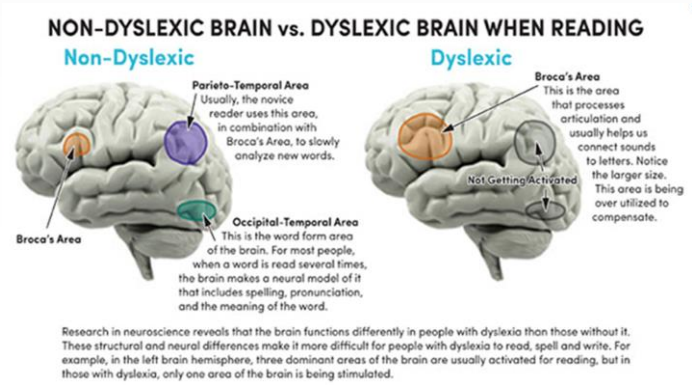
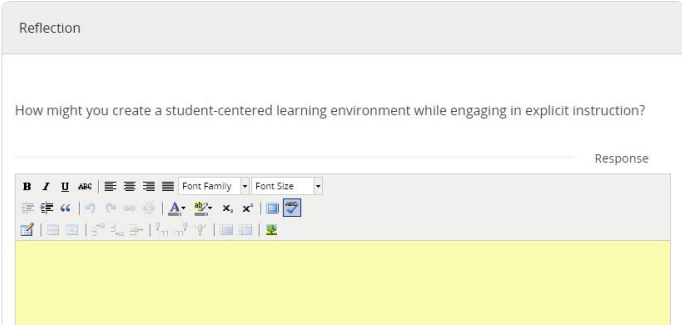


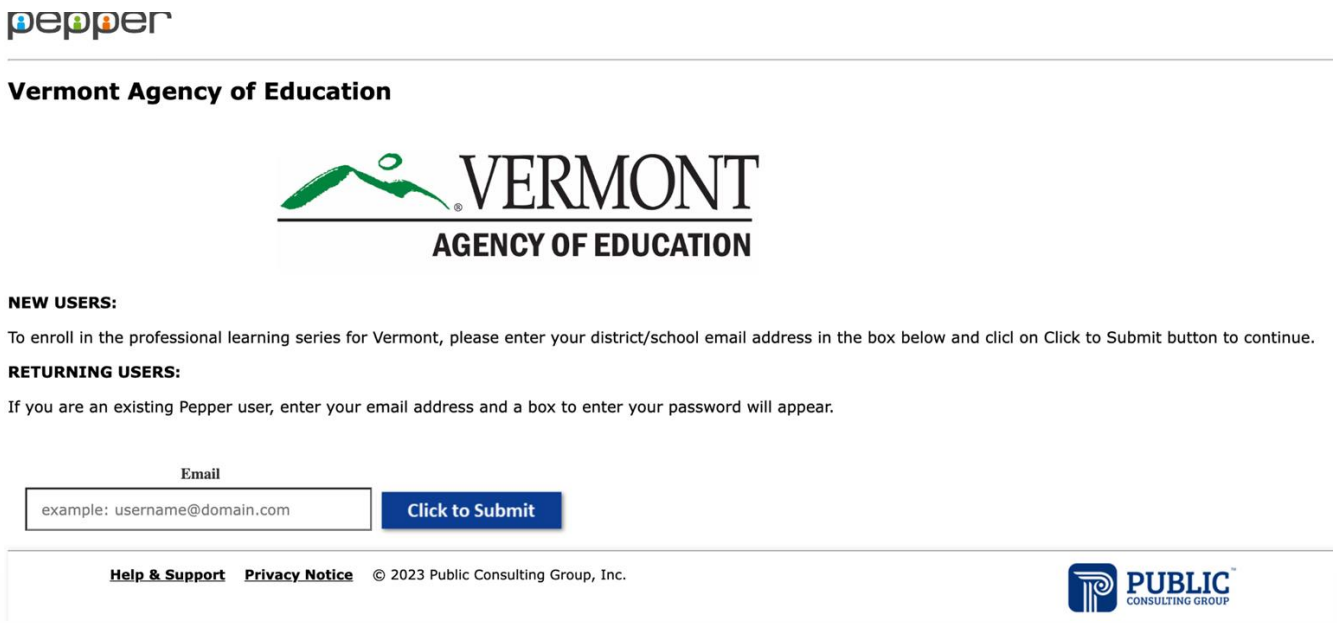
Download handout: An Expert Minute with Anita Archer: Answer Key (Document) or (PDF)



Navigation of Pepper™

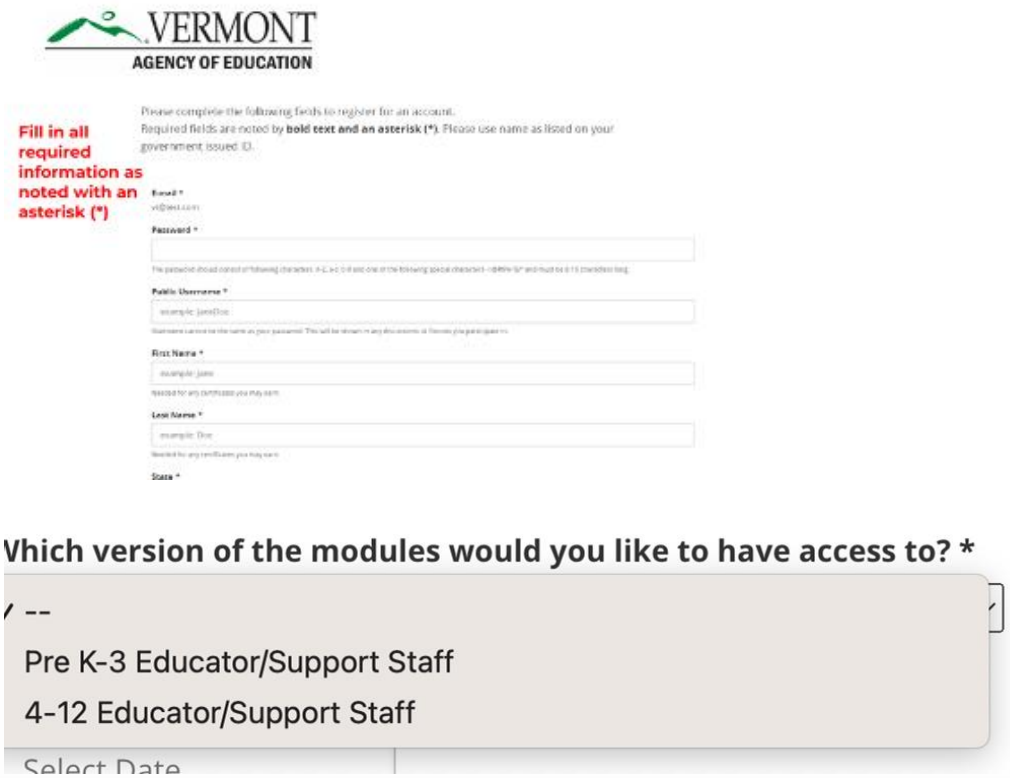
Pepper Online Platform | Registration

- To access Pepper and the online modules go to: https://www.pepperpd.com/VTAOE/mainloginpage.
- Fill in your email address and Click to submit. You can return here at any time to access Pepper. You will enter your email address and a password box will appear.



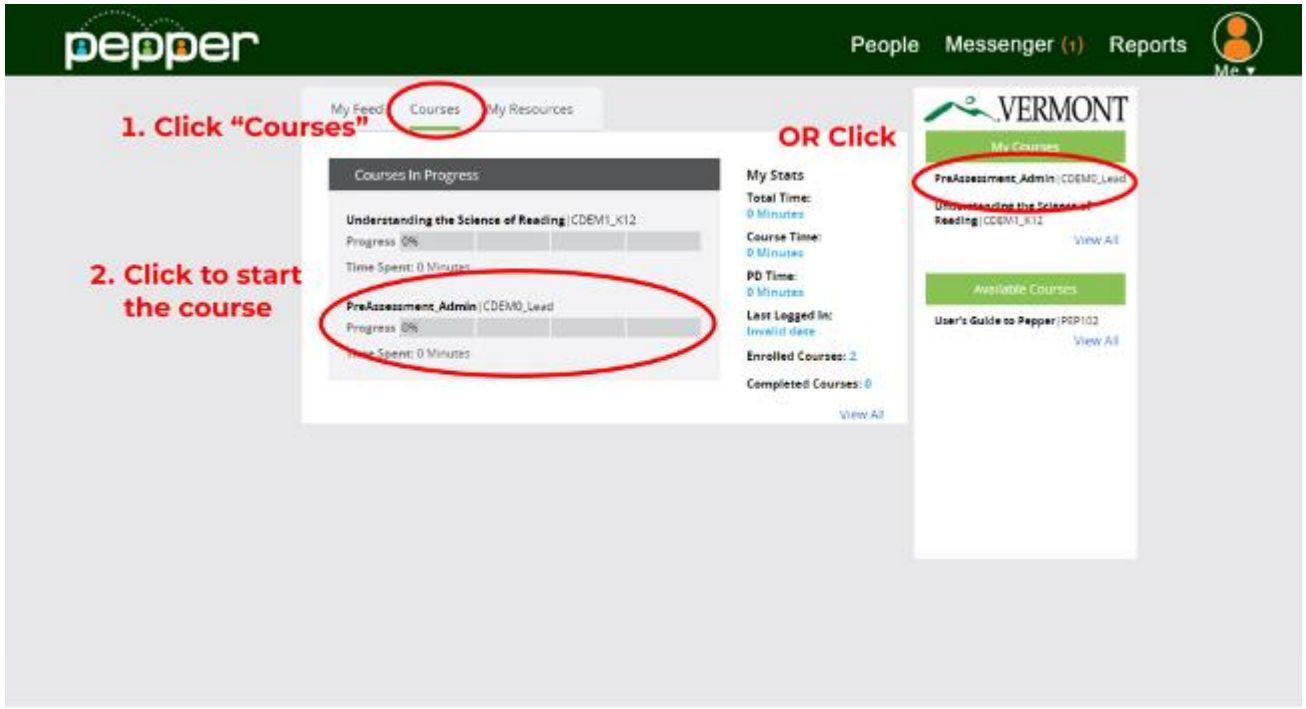
Pepper Online Platform | Registration

- Fill out the registration form and choose the grade band version you would like to take. You will have immediate access to the platform and the modules. If you would like to also take modules from the alternate grade band, email peppersupport@pcgus.com to be enrolled.



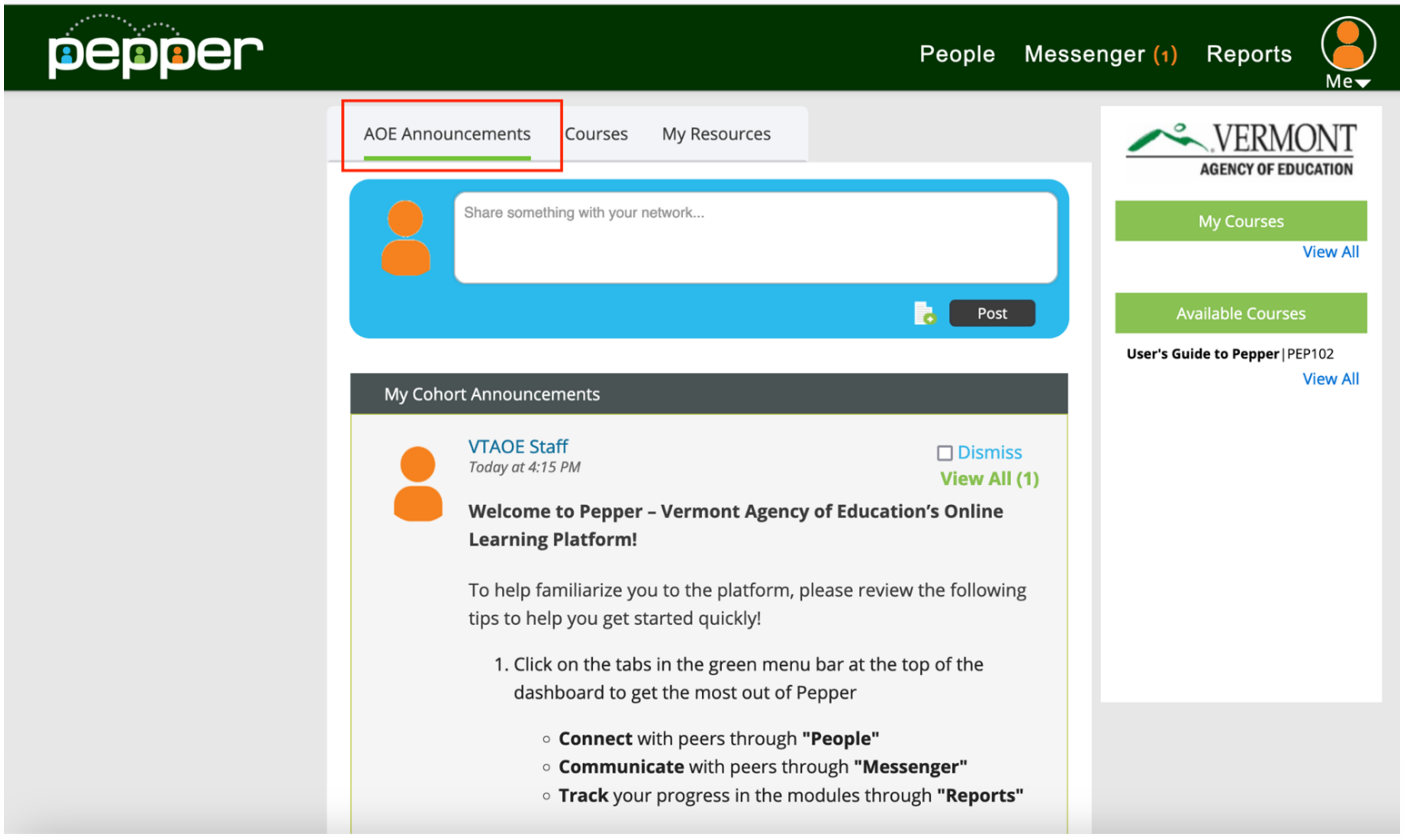
Pepper Online Platform | Courses

- On the dashboard, you will see the available modules in Courses or in My Courses on the right-hand panel. Modules will be automatically added here as they are released.



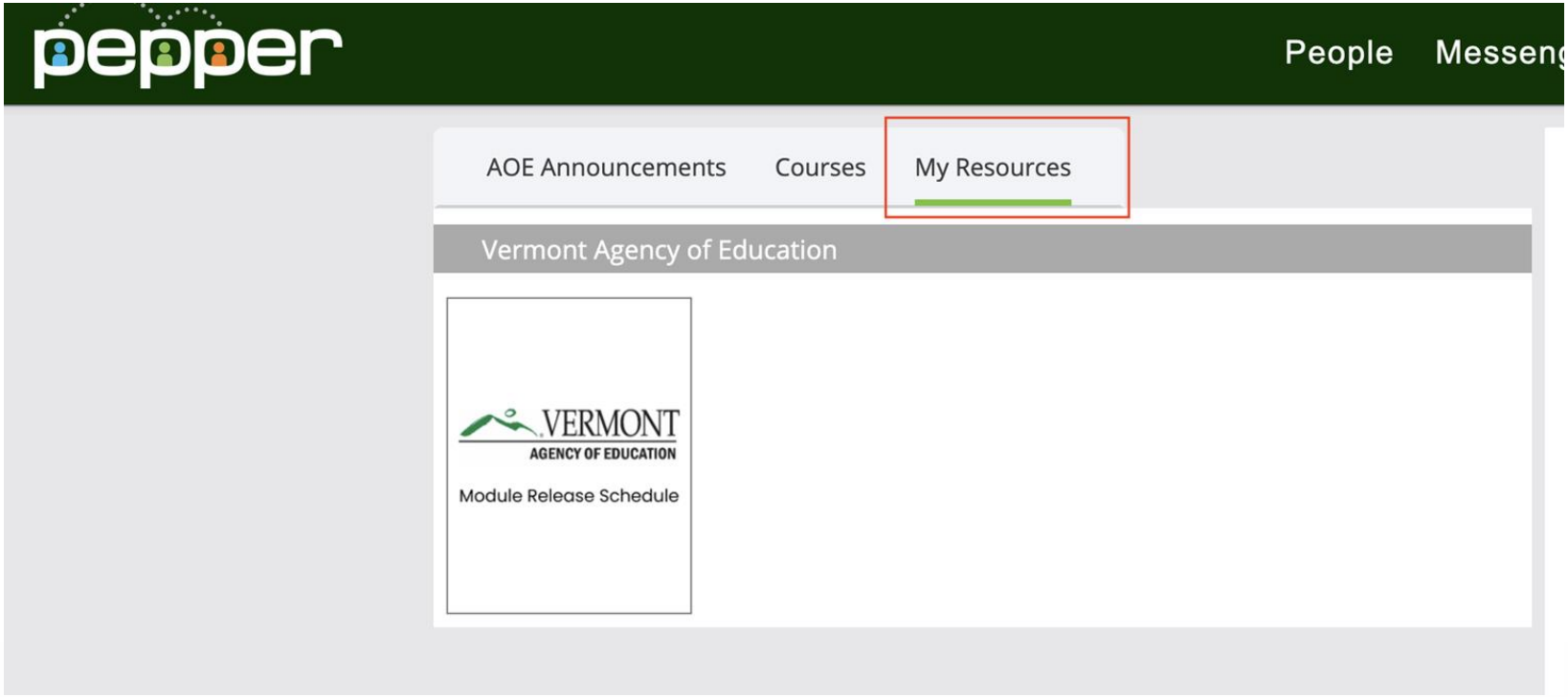
Pepper Online Platform | Announcements

- Check AOE Announcements for announcements or to post a message to the peers whom you are connected to in your network.



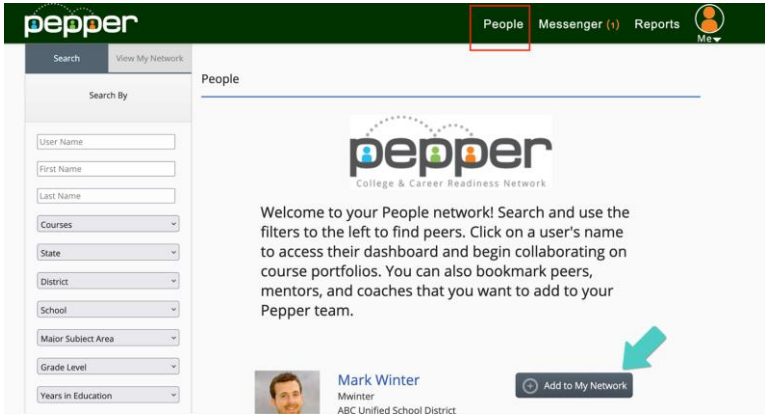
Pepper Online Platform | My Resources

- Check My Resources to view a release schedule of the modules. A copy of this powerpoint and a recording of this presentation will be added as well as additional resources along the way.

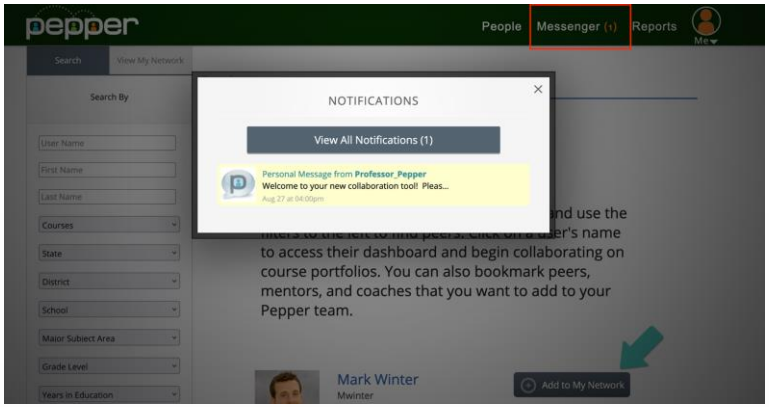


Pepper Online Platform | People & Messenger

Click on People to connect with peers and add them to your network

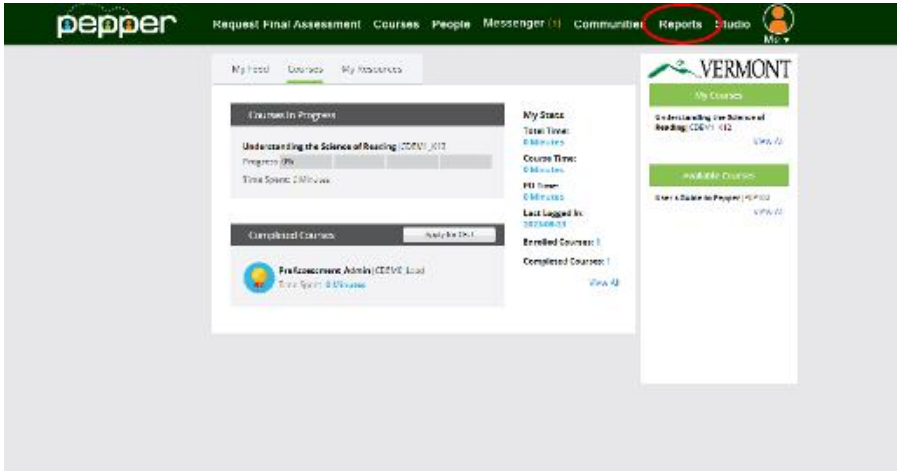


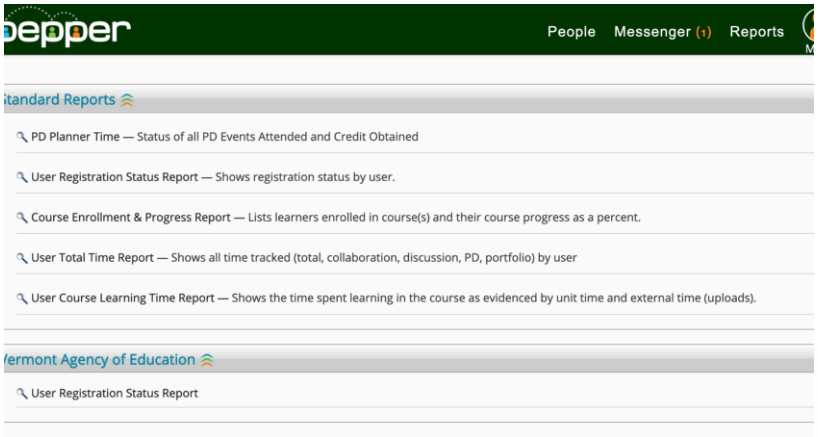
Click on Messenger to read notifications from peers in your network



Pepper Online Platform | Reports

- Click on Reports to view your progress and completions in each module





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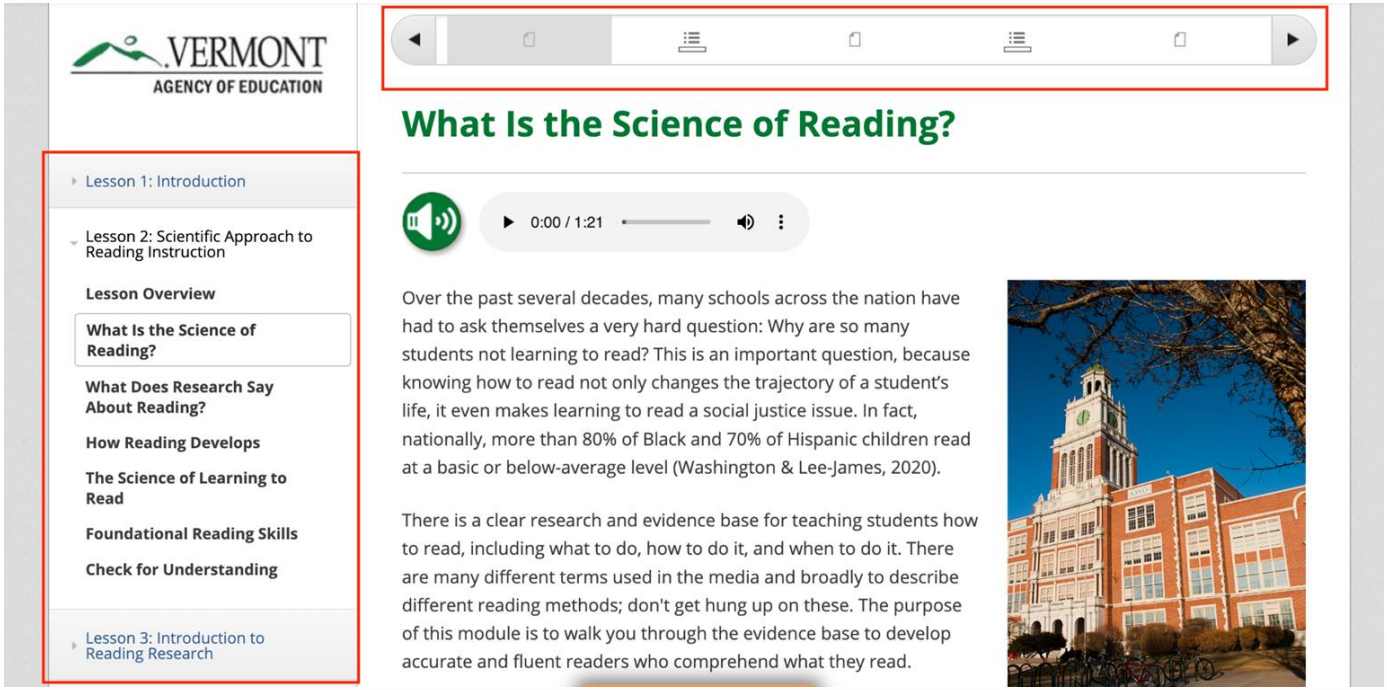
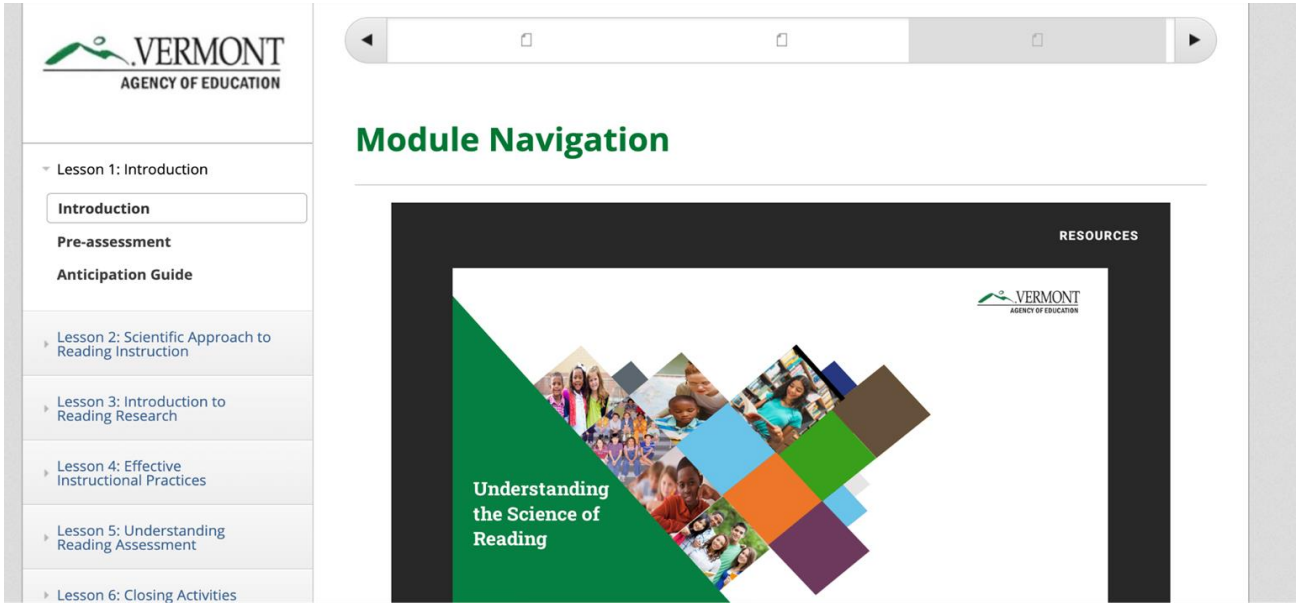
- Navigate through the module by using the arrows at the top or bottom. You can stop, pause at any time and come back to resume where you left off. The left-hand navigation is a Table of Contents



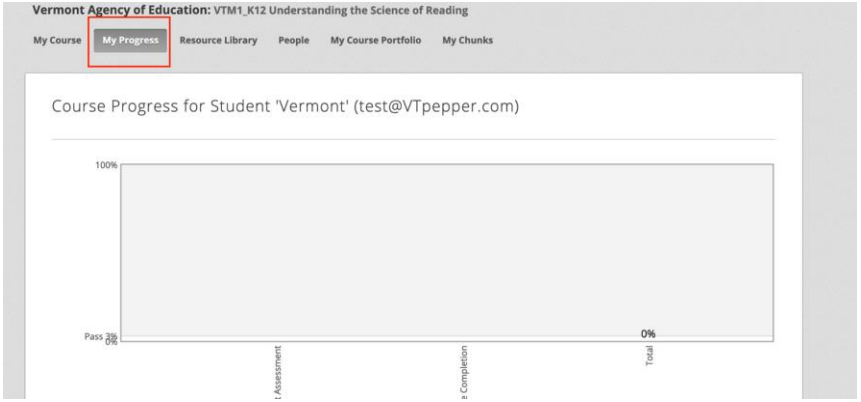
Pepper Online Platform | Navigation Tutorial

- A brief tutorial within the Introduction of Lesson 1 will help provide guidance on how to navigate through the module in Pepper.

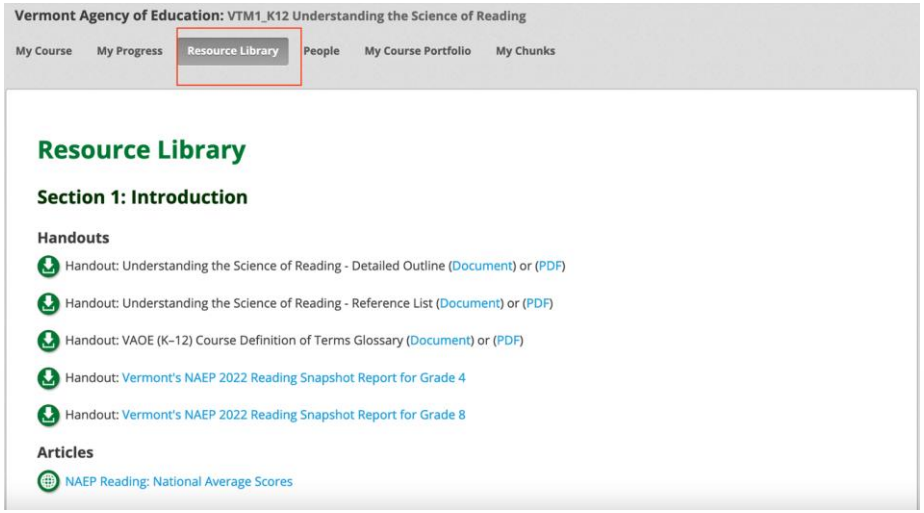


Pepper Online Platform | Module Tabs

Monitor your progress in the module in the Progress tab



Access modules resources in the Resource Library



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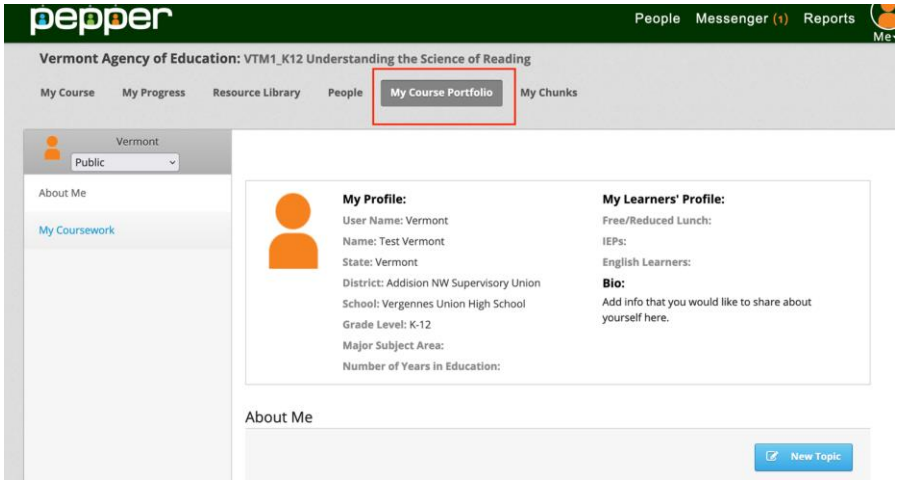
- View your coursework in My Course Portfolio



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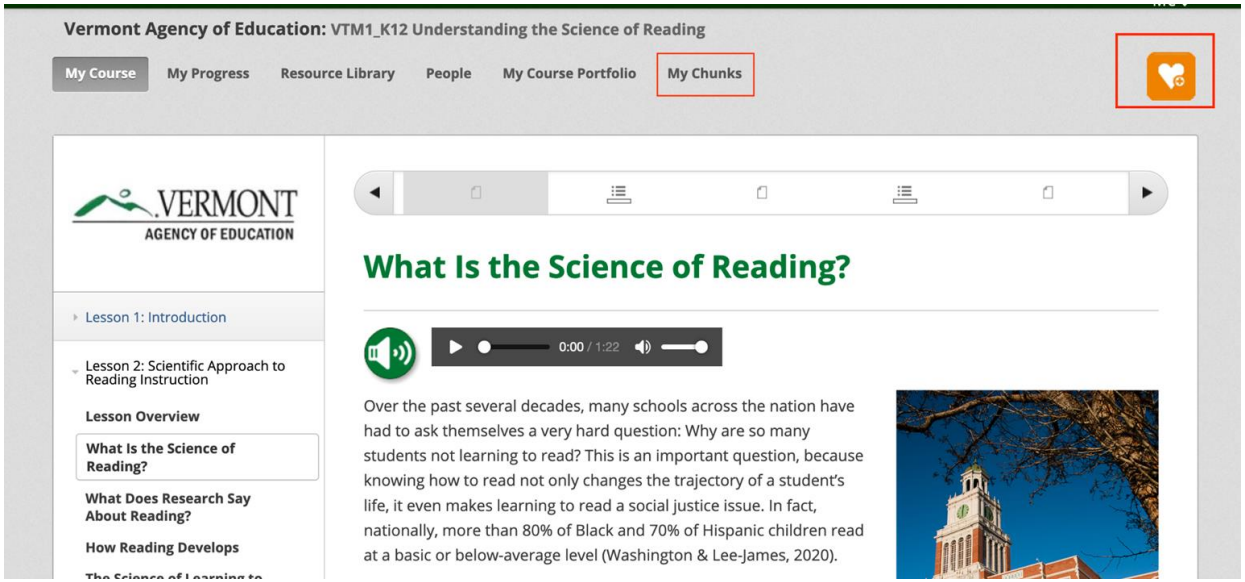
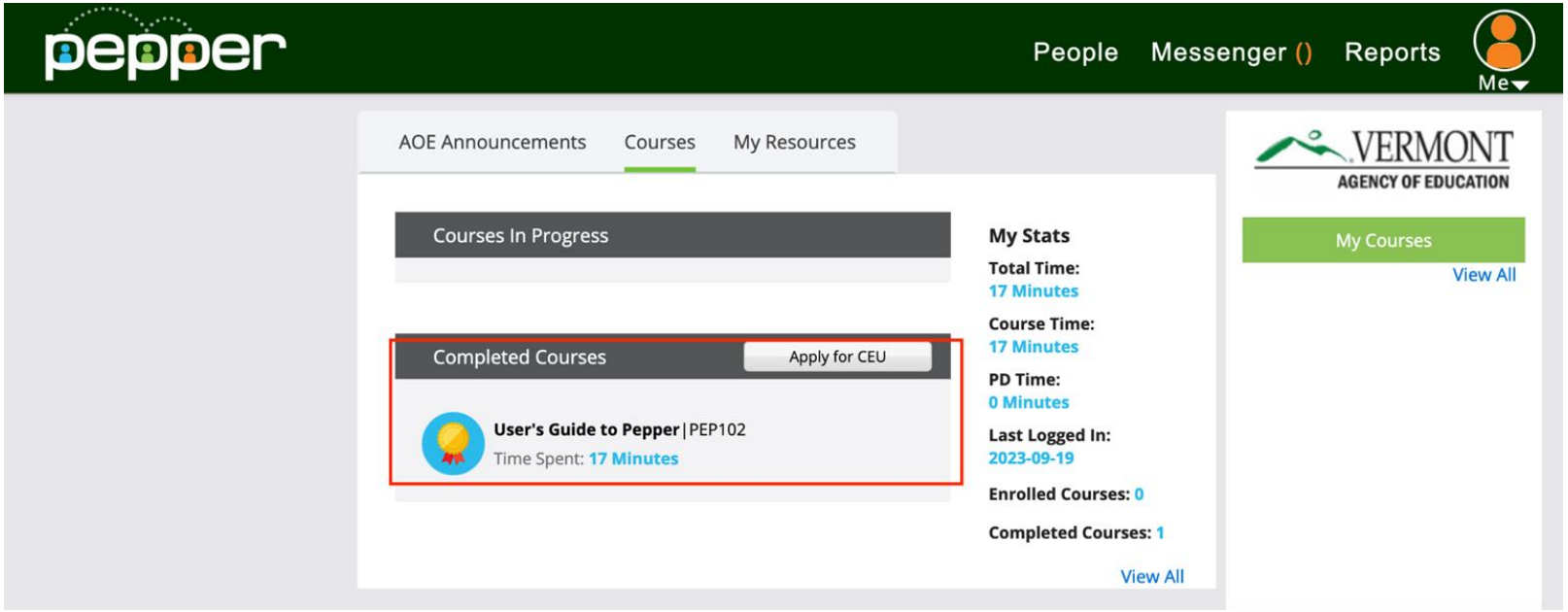
- Access your “Liked” Content in My Chunks



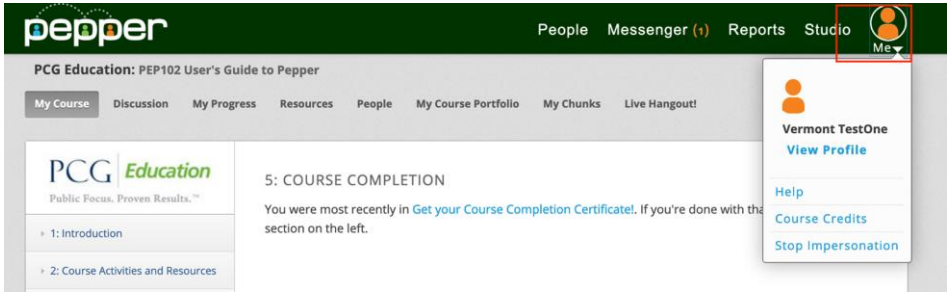
Pepper Online Platform | Completed Courses & Certificate

- Completed courses will appear below Courses in Progress. Click on the gold medallion to view certificates. A certificate will be issued after completion of each module.

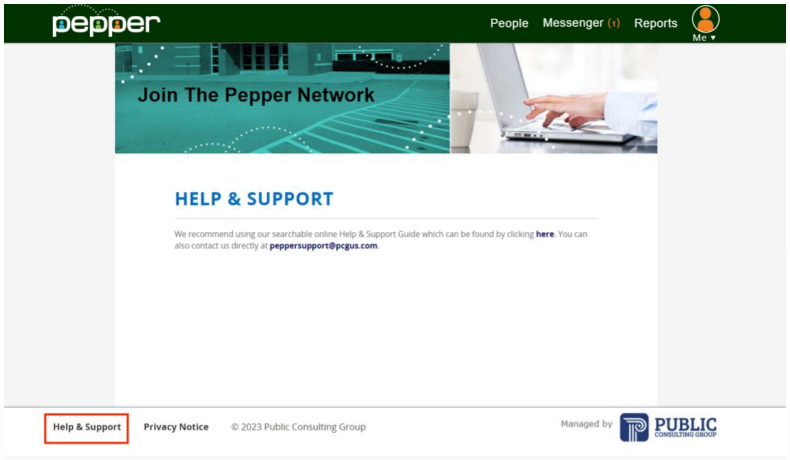


Pepper Online Platform | Help & Support

Under “Me” in the top right corner, view profile, access certificate, get Help through a User Guide



If you need to reach our Learner Support, go to Help and Support at bottom to find the email address peppersupport@pcgus.com



Questions and Answers

Optimistic Closure

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