

The learning center teaches 12 courses this semester ranging from \$15 to \$35. Some are two day workshops and some are eight week courses.

The classes range from how to turn a computer on to how to use the newest version of Photoshop and buy and sell on Ebay.

“A lot of us have family outside of the area and you never get around to writing a letter, maybe you get a Christmas card but now we can email and chat with anyone,” said Young.

Ray Sheffield of Brockton stays at the senior center for \$3 lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays, something he started when the classes moved from Brockton’s Massasoit Community College to Abington.

Seniors can contact the group to register by phone at 508-521-4008, by visiting the website: seniorcomputerlearningcenter.org, or stop by the Abington Senior Center at 441 Summer St.

Learning from peers secret to program’s success

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ABINGTON – The Senior Computer Learning Center is making it easy for seniors to learn how to use computers.

The group is all seniors who volunteer to teach other seniors everything they want to know about computers.

They are currently holding 12 classes at Abington Senior Center.

“It’s all seniors so if you get behind you just say, ‘Hey, give me a break,’ and then we’ll slow down to help,” said John Young, the group leader and an instructor who gets some of his lessons from a book but also makes his own.

There are 20 to 30 volunteers: instructors who teach the classes and coaches who assist the students during lessons. They go as slow or as fast as the students in the classes need to get the most out of it.