

Roles

Nova Courses are designed to be more participant-to-participant interactive than remote on-line learning platforms, Nova courses are developed by a community of learners, teachers, and authors, and so greater care must be taken to vet our participants.

The primary roles are Course Author, Teacher, and Student. Any participant may have any combination of roles, although the fee structure will be different based on the roles.

Course Author

To become a course author, the user must submit an online application at Nova Schools.org. The form contains basic information that helps vet the course author as genuinely interested in developing courses rather than those with a passing interest or curiosity.

Initially, Course authors are granted access to the sand box for a three month period. When their initial access has expired, they will be automatically charged the recurring rate unless they cancel their membership. Course Authors must pay a one-time fee for the three month trial period.

Course authors must also complete a Moodle course on how to create classes in Moodle. A course may not be submitted for review unless the course author has completed the training course.

Teachers

Teachers may teach classes authored by themselves or others. In order to become a teacher on the platform, teachers must complete a form on the Nova Schools website and go through a vetting process before being allowed to teach courses. Course Authors must grant specific teachers the right to teach their courses. They may review the teachers who have submitted their information and select teachers they feel appropriate.

Teachers interact with minors on the platform. Therefore, all teachers will need to submit their information for a formal background check.

Students

Students may be K12 or adults. In order to take classes on the platform, students must provide their first and last name as well as birth date.

All minor students must provide a primary guardian first and last name, email and cell phone number. The primary guardian must authorize the minor student to take courses on the platform via electronic means.

