



National STD Curriculum

Owners Guide to Learning Groups

Important: As an Owner, only you can create or change the learning group settings and invite Manager(s) or Evaluator(s) to the learning group. A Manager can invite members (Learners) and view Learner progress on assigned content, CE attainment, and the home page. An Evaluator can view Learner progress and the home page. To share the responsibility of inviting Learners or monitoring their progress, you may want to invite one or more Managers or Evaluators to assist with large groups or multiple groups.

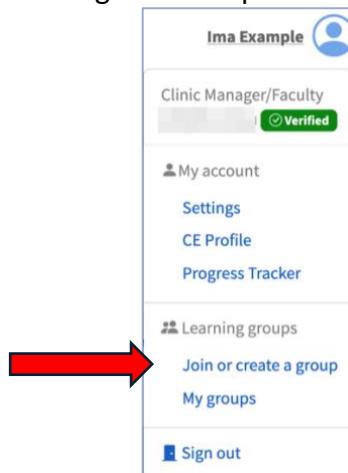
This guide uses screenshots to illustrate how an Owner (“Ima Example”) (1) creates a group, (2) invites Learners, (3) views group progress, and (4) invites a Manager and/or Evaluator. To view what a Manager and Evaluator, or a Learner experience when joining a group, please view the *Managers and Evaluators Guide* and the *Learners Guide*.

How to create a group

A learning group can be created on the National STD Curriculum (NSTDC) either during or after account registration. This guide assumes you have already created an account.

1. When you are signed in to the website, click on your name in the upper right to view the drop-down menu (Figure 1), and click on “Join or create a group.” To invite group members or view their progress, learning group management team members (Owners, Managers, and Evaluators) must have a verified e-mail address.

Figure 1. Drop-down Menu



2. Complete the six highlighted actions on the “Create a New Group” page (Figures 2 & 3). Describe the purpose of your group. Your group members will not see this information. The default number of Learners is 50, but if your group size may exceed 50, enter an approximate number. We can expand your group size, which is generally completed within one business day. To expand your group size later, click on the Intercom chat button  in

the lower right and provide the group name and the new estimated number. We will update your group size within one business day and notify you.

Figure 2. Create a New Group (Top of page)

Create a New Group

Note: This group will be created on and only accessible from the National STD Curriculum.

Group's Name  **NSTDC Example Group** 19/50 characters

Group's Location

Where is this group located?

If group members are geographically spread out, enter the ZIP code for where your organization is located or where the majority of the group members reside.

Check here if group is not located in the United States

ZIP Code **98104** 

Why are you creating this group?

Information entered here will help us understand the motivation behind this group and help us assist you better in the future. You may want to include information such as:

- The number of individuals you plan to invite
By default, groups are limited to 50 members. We can increase this limit within two business days if you explain the situation below or if you contact us in the future.
- Whether you will require continuing education credits (CNE/CME) or certificates of completion
- Whether you would like to utilize the entire curriculum; or you will select certain modules, lessons, or question bank topics.

 I will assign the chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis lessons. I will ask members to submit a CE certificate or certificate of completion to document their work.

Figure 3. Create New Group (Bottom of page)

Group Ownership

- **You will be this group's owner**, and have the ability to invite and manage other group members.
- **You will always be responsible for this group**, even if you appoint others to help you manage it.

Group Terms of Use Agreement

Before and while utilizing the group functionality of our website, group owners, managers, and evaluators must agree to the following **Group Terms of Use Agreement**:

- Any evaluations of group members should be based on completion or non-completion of activities and NOT on relative scores on activities. Group managers will not use individual's scores or progress to determine a grade or to measure job performance.
- The individual group members' scores (percentage of correct answers on quizzes, Question Bank sections, etc.), progress, and any individualized analytic reports will be kept private. This information about an individual shall not be shared with other Learners in this group.
- Invitations to join the group will only be sent to individuals who have a reasonable expectation of accepting the invitation (i.e. do not use the invite function to spam).
- The National STD Curriculum reserves the right to take action against groups who are found to be in violation of this agreement, and to insure the privacy of all Learners on the curriculum.

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 Example, Ima
Clinic Manager/Faculty


I take ownership of this group, and I agree to the Group Terms of Use Agreement

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3. After you click on the “Create Group” button, the home page appears (Figure 4). Note the tabs in the upper left. Your Learners will ONLY see the home page, so you are encouraged (but not required) to provide instructions and group description here. A Manager will see all tabs except “Settings,” and an Evaluator will only see the “Home” and “Progress” tabs.

Figure 4. Group Home Page

The screenshot shows the 'NSTDC Example Group' home page. At the top, there are tabs for Home, Progress, Members, and Settings. The Home tab is selected. Below the tabs, 'Active Learners' and 'Total Learners' are both shown as 3. A section titled 'Instructions for Learners' contains a message: 'You can provide instructions for Learners in your group on the **Settings** tab.' To the right, a box titled 'About NSTDC Example Group' says 'Your group description is empty! You can provide a description for your group on the **Settings** tab.' A blue 'Owner' badge is in the top right corner. Red arrows point from the text in the 'Instructions for Learners' and 'About' box to the 'Settings' tab in the top navigation bar.

4. Click on the “Settings” tab to enter a group description and instructions for your Learners (Figure 5).

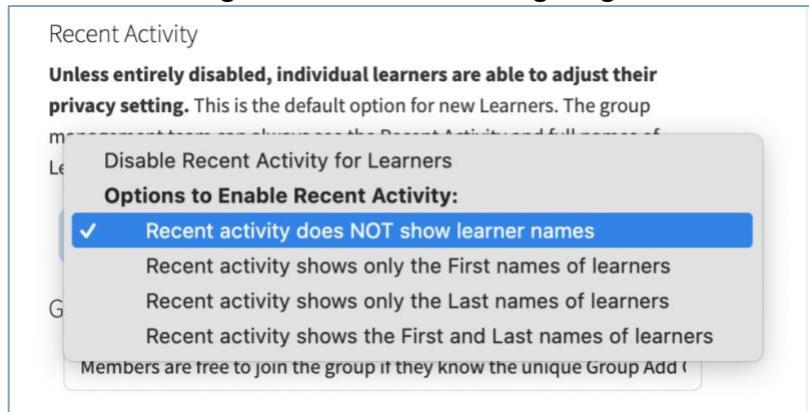
Figure 5. Top of Settings Page

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' page for the 'NSTDC Example Group'. The top navigation bar has tabs for Home, Members, and Settings, with Settings selected. A blue header bar says 'Group Information'. The 'Group Name' field contains 'NSTDC Example Group' with 19/50 characters. The 'About this Group' section has a message: 'Tell your members what this group is about. **Learners, managers, and evaluators will see this description before they join your group.**' The 'Instructions for Learners' section has a message: 'Learning group members will learn how to diagnose, treat, and prevent chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis.' Below it, another section says: 'Provide instructions you would like your Learners to follow. You may specify specific modules you would like them to focus on, provide deadlines, etc.' Red arrows point from the 'About this Group' and 'Instructions for Learners' sections to the 'Settings' tab in the top navigation bar.

5. *Option:* Scroll down to add your organization logo or an image of your choice. Some Owners upload their pictures.
6. *Option:* Click on one of the four privacy setting choices to determine what your Learners will see on the group home page (Figure 6). The default is to NOT show Learner names. If

you enable sharing, individual Learners can still choose to opt out of sharing their name on the home page. Management team members always see Learners' full names and their activities on the group home page (Figure 4). You *must* click the blue "Update Group" button every time you make changes to the settings.

Figure 6. Bottom of Settings Page



How to invite Learners

1. Sign in and click on your name in the upper right. Click on "My groups" in the drop-down (Figure 1) and select your group on the next page. Click on the "Members" tab to view the Members page.
2. You have three options to invite Learners:
 - a) Invitation URL link – Use when Learners may or may not have registered on the website or you want to include it in your training materials. Also, you can include it in an invitation from your e-mail account. If the Learner already has an account but is not signed in, they are guided to do so. If they don't have an account, they will be prompted to register before joining the group. This method is recommended for large groups or if your organization has a strong firewall or spam filter.
 - b) Group Add Code – Use when Learners are already registered on the website. They sign in, select "Join or create a group" (Figure 1), and enter the Group Add Code. In your training materials, we suggest you provide a link to the website with code.
 - c) Invite through E-mail – Use the website e-mail template or tailor the template to meet your needs. This method allows you to track invitations on the "Invite Learners" tab. The e-mail is sent from support@std.uw.edu.

Note: To see what your Learners will experience based on the options above, please view the *Learners Guide*. You can distribute the entire guide, or you can share relevant parts, such as how to enter the Invitation URL or Group Add Code.

How to use the Invitation URL or Group Add Code to invite Learners

1. From the “Members” tab, click on “Invite Learners” (Figure 7).

Figure 7. Members: Enable Invitation URL and Group Add Code

The screenshot shows the 'NSTDC Example Group' Members page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Home' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Members' (selected), and 'Settings'. Below the tabs, it shows 'Total Members' (7), 'Learners' (6), and 'Pending' (3). A 'Group Add Code' section is present with a dropdown menu and a note: 'New Learners can join with Group Add Code, or be invited.' A red arrow points to the 'Invite Learners' tab at the bottom of the page. The 'Group Add Code' section has two radio button options: 'Learners must be invited via e-mail to join this group' (unchecked) and 'Allow Learners to join the group with the unique Group Add Code' (checked). A red arrow points to the 'Allow Learners to join the group' radio button. Below this is a 'UPDATE' button. The 'Pending Invites' section shows a list of pending invites (highlighted with a red arrow). The 'Current Learners' section shows a list of current learners. The 'Invitation URL' section contains a text input field with a placeholder 'http://NSTDC.org/group/1234567890' and a 'GENERATE NEW CODE' button. A red arrow points to the 'Invitation URL' input field.

2. Select the second option under “Group Add Code” on the left, then click “Update” (Figure 7). This will generate an Invitation URL and Group Add Code. You may disable/enable the Group Add Code at any time. The Invitation URL and Group Add Code will remain the same.
3. Copy and paste the Invitation URL or the Group Add Code with a link to the website to your training materials or into an invitation from your e-mail account.

How to invite through E-mail

Within the “Invite Learners” tab, scroll down to “Invite through E-Mail.” You can personalize the invitation or use the sample text provided. Your name and title, group name, and e-mail address will be auto-filled at the end of the message. The link to join the learning group will appear at the end of the e-mail. Enter their e-mail(s) and click “Send Out Invites.”

If a Learner doesn't receive the invitation, ask them to check their spam or junk folders for an e-mail from support@std.uw.edu. Sometimes, an organization's firewall blocks the e-mail invitation. If this happens, you have two options to resolve the issue:

1. You can copy and paste the website invite text above into your own e-mail. Enable the "Group Add Code" and copy and paste the invitation URL link into the e-mail. Learners click on the Invitation URL and confirm they want to join the group. If they are not already registered, they will be prompted to register before joining the group.
2. Ask the Learner to create an account on the website and share their e-mail address with you. You can then resend the invitation to that e-mail. The Learner will see a pop-up message about a pending group invitation after they register.

How to view group membership

From the "Members" tab, click on the "Current & Pending" tab (Figure 8) to monitor who has joined your group and who has yet to accept the invitation. This feature is only available if you used the Invite through E-Mail method. You can also resend the invitation from this page. If a Learner declines your invitation, their name will no longer appear in your group. To remove Learners or management team members from a group, click on "Remove." A Learner can leave the group from the group home page.

Figure 8. Members: Current and Pending

The screenshot shows the 'NSTDC Example Group' page. At the top, there are tabs: 'Home', 'Progress', 'Members' (which is highlighted in blue), and 'Settings'. Below the tabs, it shows 'Total Members: 7' and 'Out of 50 max'. Under the 'Members' tab, there are two sections: 'Learners' (6) and 'Pending' (3). A red arrow points to the 'Learners' section. To the right, there is a 'Group Add Code' field with a placeholder and a note: 'New Learners can join with Group Add Code, or be invited.' Below this, there are tabs for 'Current & Pending', 'Invite Learners', and 'Invite Managers & Evaluators'. A legend explains roles: Owner (blue), Manager (red), Learner (green), and Pending (blue). The 'Learners' section lists 'Hull, Todd' (Curriculum Training Specialist) as a 'Learner' with a 'REMOVE' button. Another entry for 'Invited Member' is shown with a large red arrow pointing to it, and buttons for 'RESEND INVITATION' and 'REMOVE'.

How to monitor group progress

Learning group Owners, Managers, and Evaluators can view Learner progress through the lessons and question bank topics. The “Progress” page will default to view the lessons in the current edition of NSTDC. Click on the box below “View Progress for:” to view progress in previous editions. To view progress on question bank topics, click on the tab next to “Lessons.” The “Progress” tab (Figure 9) enables you to:

1. View a Learner’s progress on a lesson and see if they passed the quiz or earned CE.
2. Hover over a Learner’s progress to see the number of quiz attempts, the number of correct answers, and the percentage score.
3. Click on a Learner’s e-mail address to e-mail them about upcoming deadlines, congratulate them on their work, request certificate copies, etc.
4. Enter a Learner’s name in the search box if you have a large group.

Figure 9. Viewing Group Progress for Lessons

NSTDC Example Group

Owner

Only current learners' progress is included. Use the tabs below to look at progress within the individual parts of the curriculum.

Active Learners (last 30 days) 2 Current Learners 3

All Lessons Question Bank

View progress for: Latest Edition Curriculum Progress

50 records per page

Search:

Learners

Example, IDEA

Syphilis

STD Lesson (3rd Ed.)

Progress: 100%
Accessed: June 9, 2025, 2:07 pm
Attempt 1 CNE 5/5 - 100%

5 6 7 8 9 10

80 100 100 80 100

Learner, IDEA

Key

CNE/CME - CE was earned
CNE/CME - CE was attempted
Learner progress is delayed by up to 15 minutes

The bar represents progress. A checkmark in the bar indicates 100% complete. The number under the bar is the score (as a percentage) for the last attempt. A plus (+) indicates more than one attempt. Hover your mouse over each box for more details.

How to invite Managers or Evaluators

If you expect to have a large group or several groups, you may want to consider inviting Manager(s) and/or Evaluator(s). For instance, if your organization has multiple locations, you could set up a learning group for each location and invite a Manager from each location to invite the Learners. Some facilities invite training or human resources staff as Managers or Evaluators so they can view Learner progress and CE attainment. Owners are encouraged to view the *Managers Guide* to better understand what a Manager will see when they join the group, invite members, and review progress.

1. Sign in and click on your name in the upper right. Click on “My groups” in the drop-down (Figure 1) and select your group on the next page. Click on the “Members” tab to view the members in your group.
2. Click on the “Invite Managers & Evaluators” tab (Figure 10).

Figure 10. Members: Invite Managers & Evaluators

The screenshot shows the 'NSTDC Example Group' Members page. At the top, there are tabs for Home, Progress, Members (which is selected and highlighted in blue), and Settings. Below the tabs, there are statistics: Total Members (7), Learners (6), and Pending (3). To the right, there is a 'Group Add Code' field with a dropdown arrow and a note: 'New Learners can join with Group Add Code, or be invited.' At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Current & Pending', 'Invite Learners', and 'Invite Managers & Evaluators' (which is highlighted with a red arrow).

3. Enter the e-mail address(es) and choose either “Manager” or “Evaluator.”
4. You have the option to personalize the e-mail invitation. Click on the “Send Out Invites” button.
5. In the pop-up message, confirm the invitation is correct, then click on “Yes, Invite these individuals.”
6. Invitees will receive an e-mail from support@std.uw.edu. If your invitees do not receive the e-mail, ask them to check their spam or junk mail folders. If they are already registered on the website, they will see a pop-up window with a link to view and accept the invitation when they next sign in.

How to ask questions

Sign into the website and click on the Intercom chat button  in the lower right. This account is monitored Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, with automated answers outside of those hours. You can also click on “Contact Us” at the bottom of the page to e-mail us at any time.