# Marketing Your Certification + CE Programs During COVID



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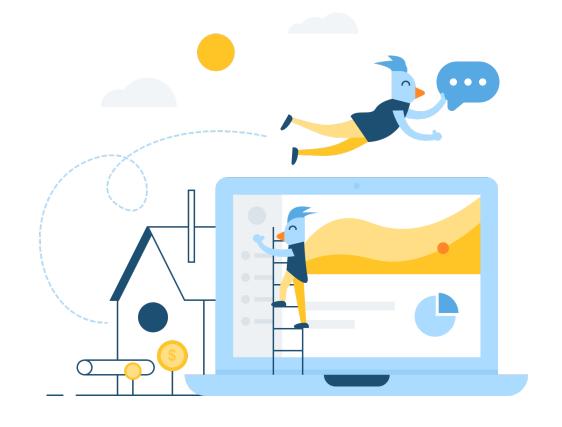






Marketing technology used by: 700+ associations and 4,000+ trade shows, conferences & virtual events

- Website analytics
- Programmatic advertising
- Influencer marketing



COVID = time for CE & Certification programs to shine?

#### The Opportunity

Recessions historically have driven a *significant* increase in adults seeking education, upskilling, and career changes

#### **Stats**

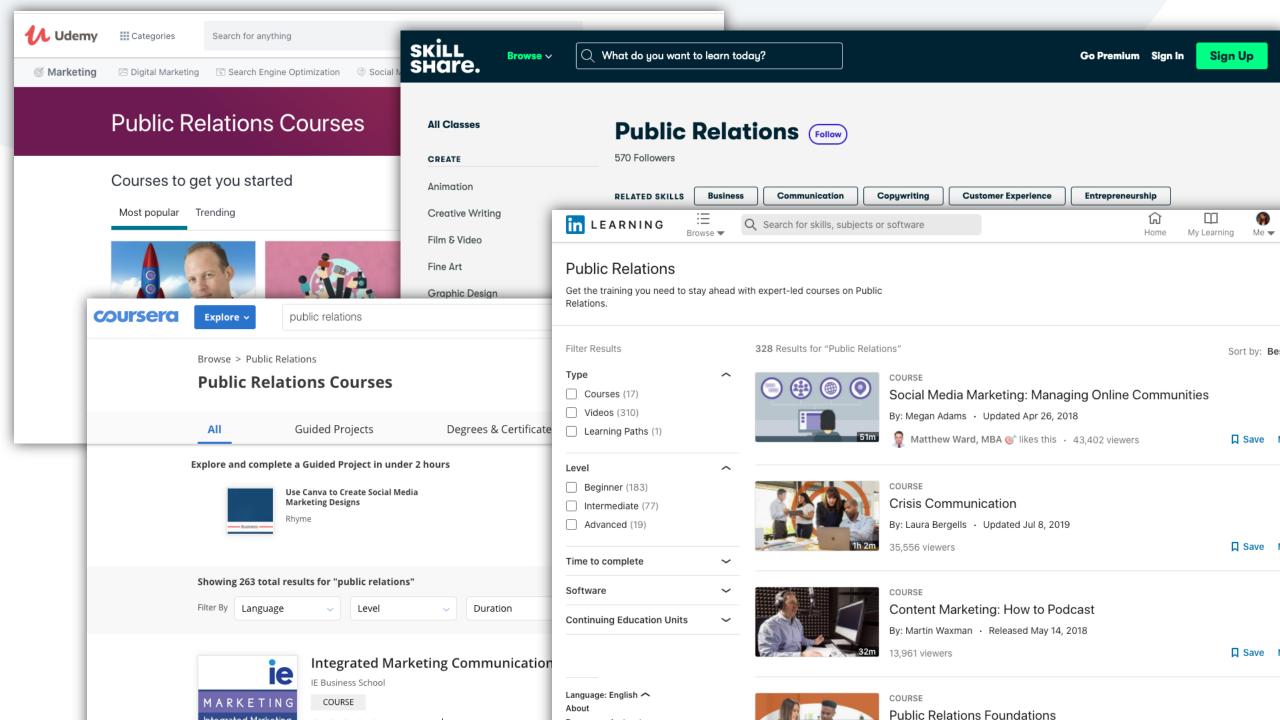
- A study of prior recessions found 1% increase in unemployment → 2% increase in college enrollment
- A study of the college enrollment surge from 2008-2010 found most of the increase was driven by age 25+ adults in community colleges and for-profit online schools

#### The Challenge

Associations face *unprecedented* competition in continuing education and non-degree credentialing

### Adult Learning Is Shifting

- In-person to online
- Live to on-demand
- Lengthy lectures to interactive and "bite-sized"
- High expectations of convenience & good UX











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#### 4. More MicroMasters Programs Will Pop Up

Online courses have satiated much of the need for more flexible, accessible higher education options, but MicroMasters programs are taking it even further.

MicroMasters programs are graduate-level courses offered by top universities ¿ designed to help people advance in their careers. As online versions of master's programs, these courses take a deep dive into specific career topics, which can recognized and rewarded by employers. Students also receive credits directly fi institution, which can then be used to pursue a master's degree.

There are already a wide range of colleges and universities offering MicroMaste programs: MIT, the University of Pennsylvania, Boston University, Georgia Tech-University System of Maryland being just a few of the top names.

These programs expand degree access and affordability to students, while also institutions get more students in the door. For example, Boston University offer MicroMasters degree in Digital Product Management, which includes five gradu courses and can be completed in just eight months for \$1,995. This is a much n affordable option for students who are looking to further their education but d to take out a massive amount of student loans.

#### 3. Online Education Will Keep Thriving

Arguably the biggest improvement to higher education, online learning has transformed the way we think of going to school. In fact, 1/3 of higher educatio students now take at least one class online.

#### New credentials will flood the market

There are roughly 650,000 credentials — including traditional degrees, certificates and other programs — currently on offer in the U.S., according to Scott Cheney, executive director of Credential Engine, a nonprofit that advocates for transparency around credentials. At a panel event in December, Cheney and others noted students don't always know whether employers will

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Over the last decade, the higher education sector worldwide has seen a much greater focus on employability and skills development beginning in what was a challenging global recession and continuing through many years of sustained economic expansion. As indicated by recent global CEO surveys, the development and acquisition of human capital has risen to the very top of corporate agendas.

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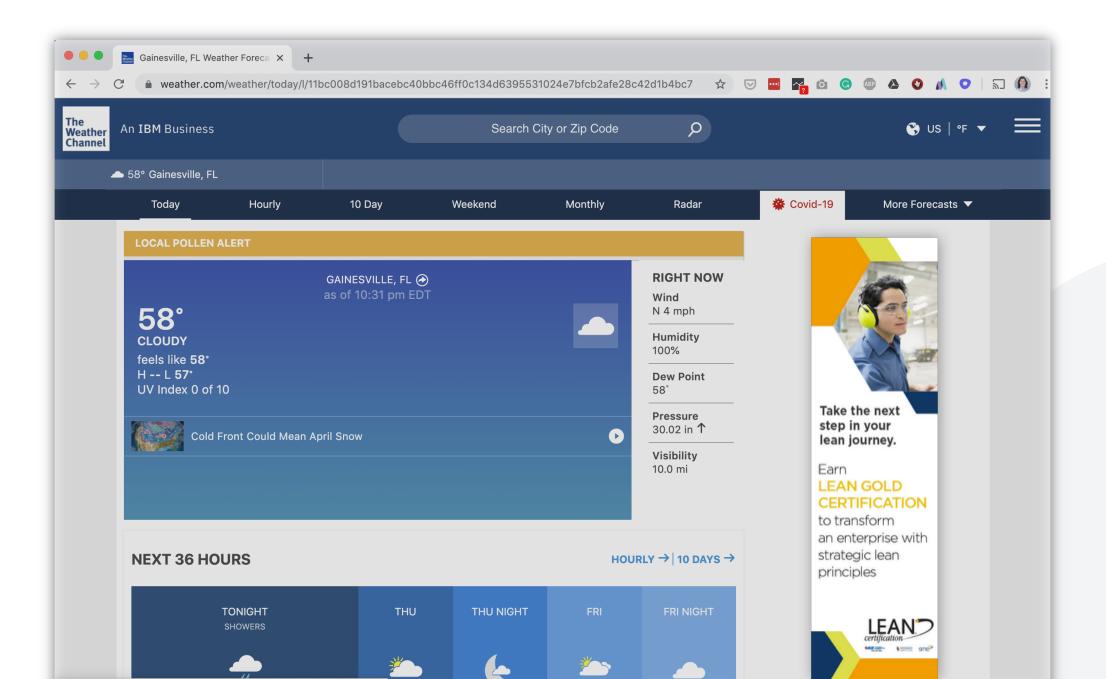
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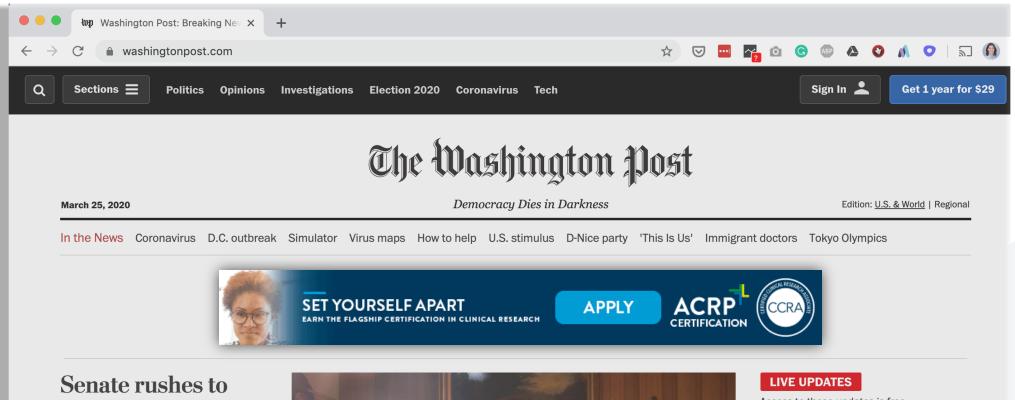
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### Programmatic & Social Advertising

Campaign Type	Reaches people who
Site Retargeting	Recently visited a page on your website
Email List Matching ("CRM Retargeting")	Are on one of your email lists
Geofencing	Were in a specific building recently
Search Keyword "Retargeting"	Recently searched a specific word/phrase
Lookalike Audiences	Are similar to your audiences
Persona, Interest, Contextual	Are tagged and profiled by third-party data vendors based on browsing/shopping







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"I will sign it immediately," President Trump said Wednesday evening as Senate lawmakers tried to set a time for a vote.



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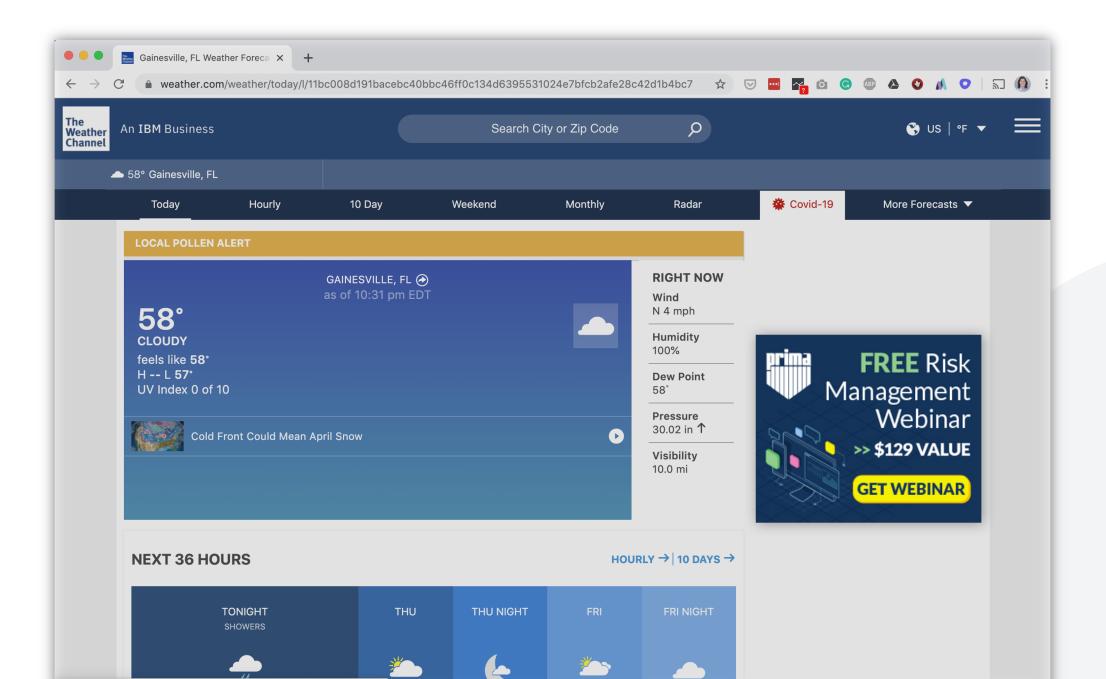
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### Site Retargeting



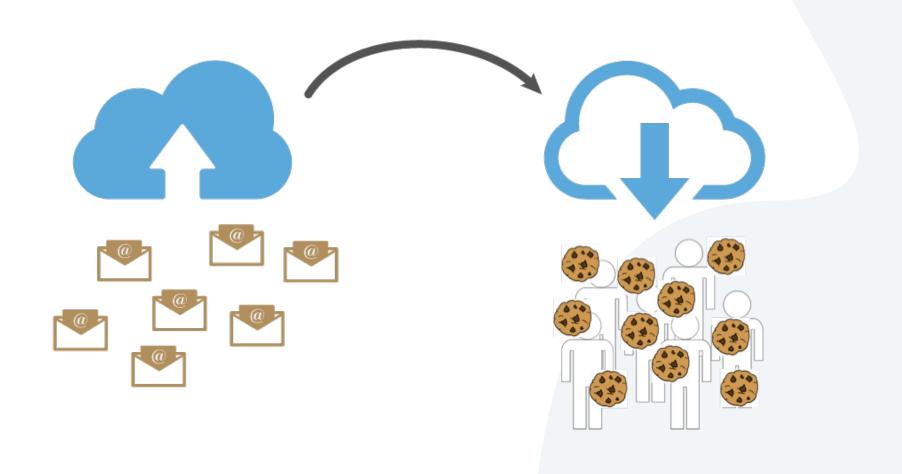
### Site Retargeting



#### Site Retargeting Segments

- Visitors to CE page
- Visitors to jobs board or careers page(s)
- Readers of blog or online publication
- Visitors to event page/site
- Registrants/participants in upcoming virtual event

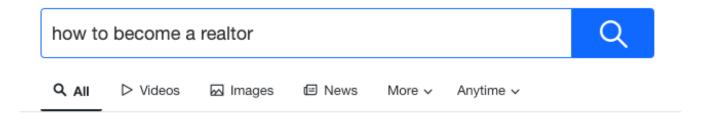
## Email Matching / "CRM Retargeting"



#### "CRM Retargeting" Segments

- Active members
- Previous CE participants
- Certification current holders
- Previous year event attendees
- Newsletter subscribers

#### Search Keyword "Retargeting"



#### Search Keyword "Retargeting" Ideas

- "[job title]"
- "how to become a [job title]"
- "experience required for [profession]"
- "getting a job in [field/industry]"
- "degree in [field/industry]"
- Competitive certifications or degree programs

Questions?



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Thank you:)

