

Create and Assign a Shopping Cart in iBuyNU: An LSFS Quick Start Guide

Before you begin...

- Access to iBuyNU as a *Shopper* requires security authorization. If your NetID has not been authorized, you will be unable to log in. If this is the case, please contact George Wilson at g-wilson@northwestern.edu or 1-5764, and he will walk you through the security access forms.
 - Do not use iBuyNU if you have a quote or need to relay special instructions to a vendor.
 - Do not use iBuyNU if you are picking up items from University freezer and cabinet.
 - This is an abbreviated guide, adapted specifically for LSFS. For additional information on shopping with iBuyNU, please visit <http://cafe.northwestern.edu/training/materials.html#shopper>.
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Step 1: Access iBuyNU

- Log in to NU Portal <https://nuportal.northwestern.edu>
- Click appropriate tab **Staff, Faculty, or Researcher**
- Click **Purchasing & Payments** tab
- Click **iBuyNU secure site** link where you see the line **Shopper - direct access to iBuyNU secure site**
- **In User Name**, enter your NU NetID in uppercase (e.g., ABC123, not abc123)
- **In Password**, enter your NU Employee ID the first time you log in. You will be prompted to change your password. The next time you log in, use the password you created.

* If you cannot access NU Portal or appropriate tab, go to <http://cafe.northwestern.edu/gateway>
Then click iBuyNU and log in with User Name and Password as instructed above.

Step 2: Select a vendor and shop for items

- Because you must also enter your order in the online purchase order system, you are limited to using **one vendor per shopping cart**.

Step 3: Select item(s) and add to cart

Step 4: When done shopping, retrieve and rename cart in iBuyNU in one of two ways:

* Hosted suppliers maintain the look and feel of iBuyNU, while punch-out suppliers have the look and feel, functionality, terminology, etc. specific to a vendor's website.

A. Hosted Supplier


- At top right, click active cart icon
- Active cart displays
- Change cart name based on your school/department naming conventions. LSFS requires that you name your cart in the following way: **date, first initial last name, vendor** (e.g. 8/12/09, J Doe, VWR)
- Click **Save**

B. Punch-Out Supplier

- Since each punch-out supplier's website is different, you must follow the site's unique instructions to check out.
- Once you check out of the website, your cart will automatically display in iBuyNU.
- Change cart name based on your school/department naming conventions. LSFS requires that you name your cart in the following way: **date, first initial last name, vendor** (e.g. 8/12/09, J Doe, VWR)
- Click **Save**

Step 5: Assign cart

Important Note: You must check the LSFS website at <http://www.wcas.northwestern.edu/lfs/> or call the office to see which accounting assistant is currently placing orders. **If you do not do this, and you assign your cart to the wrong accounting assistant, there will be a delay in processing your order.**

- Click **Assign Cart**
- Click **Search for an assignee**
- Enter search criteria 

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- Click **Search**
- Select appropriate *Requester* from search results
- If this is a *Requester* you will assign carts to frequently, click **Add to Profile** box so you don't have to search for this assignee/*Requester* again
- Click **Assign**
- A message displays to indicate that the cart has been successfully assigned and a cart number is generated by the system
- *Requester* is notified immediately via e-mail that a cart has been assigned

Step 6: Enter order in online PO system

- **Your shopping cart WILL NOT be processed until it is entered in the online PO system!**
- Enter your *iBuy*NU order in the online PO system in the same way you enter your non- *iBuy*NU orders.
- Write the following note in the “Comments” section of the online PO system:
CART ASSIGNED TO (INSERT ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT NAME)

Important Note: If you are ordering items such as oligos or custom chemicals, a general description in the online PO system will suffice (see example below).

Order Detail					
Qty	Unit	Item #	Description	Unit \$	Total
1	EA	N/A	Oligos	\$14.00	\$14.00