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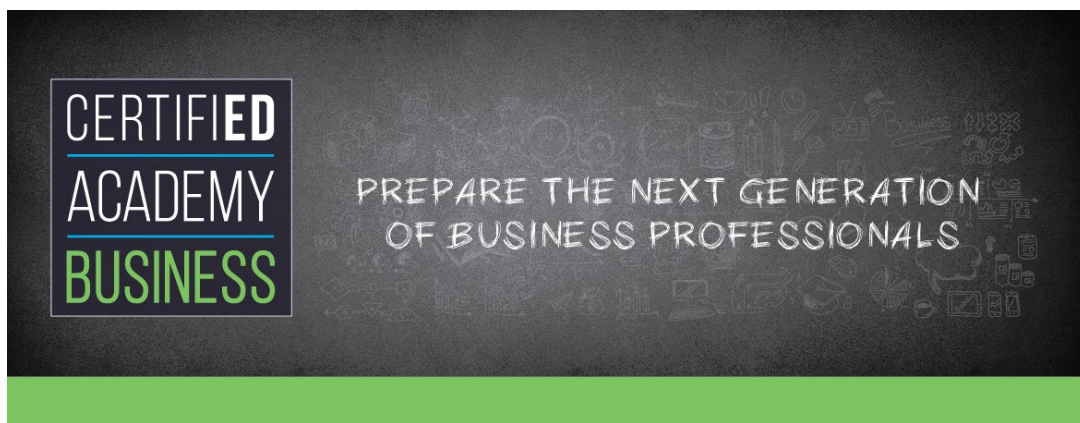
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NEWS UPDATE

February 8, 2024



CERTIFIED Academy: Business is diving into entrepreneurship



Teaching entrepreneurship across career clusters

Students need to see that business, particularly entrepreneurship, is everywhere! And National Entrepreneurship Week, happening February 10-17, is the ideal time to celebrate entrepreneurs.

On February 14, 2024 at 1 PM EST, we'll be discussing the importance of entrepreneurship education. Whether your students want to open their own businesses or not, discover how entrepreneurship training will help ensure tomorrow's leaders are prepared with the tools to navigate tomorrow's competitive landscape.

[Let's learn more about entrepreneurship](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



Resources for teaching Microsoft



New video: Microsoft Office Specialist in higher education

Experience the impactful role of the Microsoft Office Specialist certification program and how it is empowering higher education institutions to prepare future professionals in the field of business. Featuring West Virginia University and Towson University, learn how the certification program has significantly boosted their job placement rates, enhanced student confidence, and improved department success metrics.

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Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager



Join the next Certiport Competitions webinar

Each year, Certiport hosts two student competitions: the Adobe Certified Professional Championship and the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Championship. These student competitions bring technology certifications to life for your students, provide them with a positive platform to showcase their skills, and give them a unique opportunity to earn valuable rewards and recognition.

Helping your student participate in these fabulous events can leave educators with lots of questions. Join us February 9 at 4 PM EST for this Competition 101 webinar to learn about the championships, how to participate, and how to help your students find success!

[I'm ready to learn about the competitions](#)

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager



Your student could be Certiport's next Adobe Certified Professional U.S. National Champion!



Are your students ready to submit their original design project to the Spring Qualifier? While students can submit any original design project, below are some elements that can be included to improve their chances of earning an invitation. The original design projects should include:

- Both text and graphical design
- A call-to-action (where applicable)

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- Preparing the file for digital OR print distribution (where applicable)
- Original artwork
- A variety of design elements (such as shape, color, space, form, line, value, and texture)

When in doubt, a student can submit what they have! Students can submit an original design project even if it does not include all the items listed. Projects are due May 3, 2024. Submit a project today!

I'm ready to help my students submit a project

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager

Get CERTIFIED energy now and later



Connect and innovate with your fellow educators

One of the best things about attending CERTIFIED is the opportunity to network with fellow educators. The CERTIFIED Educator Conference offers unparalleled networking opportunities, where you can connect with like-minded professionals, share ideas, and build valuable relationships.

Don't miss this chance to expand your professional network and gain knowledge from leading experts in the field. Register by April 1, 2024 and save \$100!

[I want to register and save](#)

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager



On the podcast: Balancing theoretical and hands-on learning

Research studies consistently demonstrate the power of active learning or learning by doing. Helping students become more engaged in the learning process means creating hands-on learning opportunities. CERTIFIED Ambassador and Autodesk educator, Brian Flores, is here to help you find a balance between theoretical concepts and hands-on activities.

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End of service for old versions of Compass for Windows

All software products have a lifecycle, Certiport's Compass exam delivery technology is no exception. This message is to provide some important information about upcoming changes for Compass for Windows. This applies only to Compass for Windows and does not affect Compass for Mac.

On February 14, 2024, support will end for all versions of Compass for Windows with the last three digits of **835 or less**. For example, 19.0.2.**835**, 10.0.2.**793**, 10.0.2.**718**, etc. will no longer receive the following:

- Security updates
- Non-security hotfixes
- Free or paid assisted support options
- Exam content updates from Certiport

Computers running an earlier version of Compass will continue to work even after support ends. However, using unsupported software may increase the risk of an unfavorable exam experience. Each new release of Compass includes multiple bug fixes that prevent known issues and updating to the latest version will provide you with a more stable environment.

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All Certiport Authorized Testing Centers are encouraged to upgrade to the latest version of Compass, **19.0.2.1270**. To check which version of Compass you are currently using, launch Compass, log in, and then click on “About Compass” in the left-hand menu. For more information, please review our **[Compass Update Guide](#)**.

JB Tinker: Product Manager

Resources for You

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See what exams have been recently released or are coming soon.

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View the calendar for upcoming onboarding and support webinars.

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