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Get involved in the CERTIFIED community



Have you registered for CERTIFIED Academy: IT?

CERTIFIED Academy: IT is an immersive online professional development program for Career and Technical Education (CTE) educators, particularly those focusing on coding, cybersecurity, and IT education. This is your chance to learn from your fellow technology educators and industry professionals.

Mark your calendar for the next session on October 4th. Get all the details on the blog.

[Tell me about CERTIFIED Academy: IT](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



CERTIFIED 2024: Call for Sessions Now Open

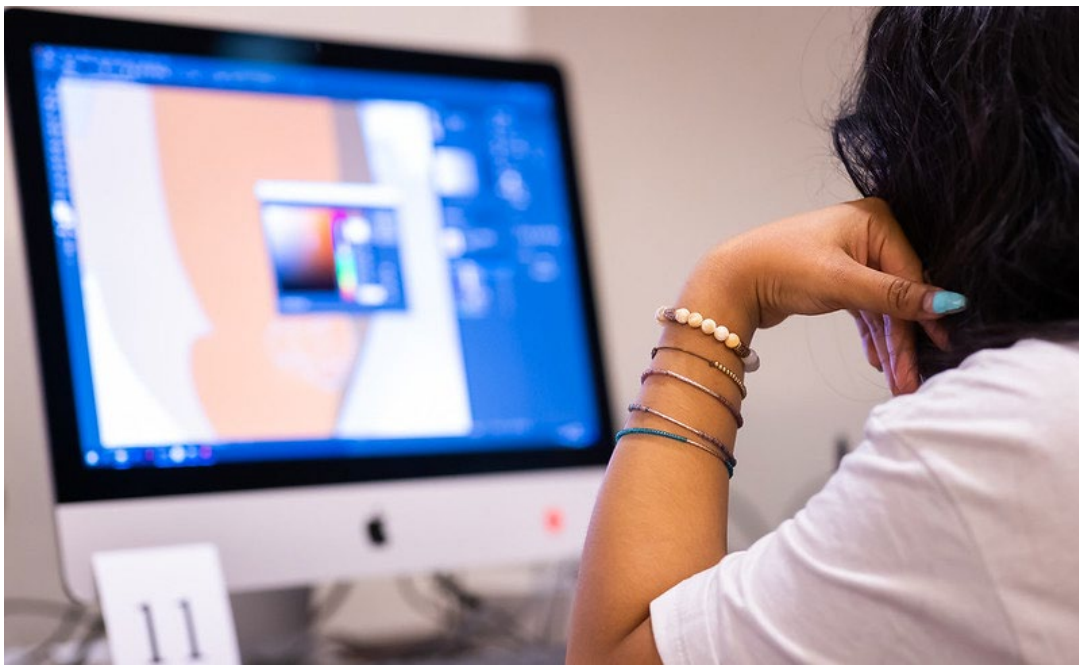
It's that time of year again! We're starting preparations for the 2024 CERTIFIED Educator Conference, and we want YOU to be a part of it.

Nearly all our CERTIFIED sessions are presented by educators just like you. As we prepare and finalize our content for our sessions, we want to give you a chance to share your expertise. Sharing your new ideas and paths to success is the best way to help Certiport's educator community.

[I'm ready to apply](#)

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Tips for Teaching Graphic Design



Success in the digital age means communicating in visually rich and interactive ways. Visual and interactive communication is what graphic design is all about. So how do you effectively prepare students to become tomorrow's successful graphic designers and storytellers?

Get advice from Matt Dombrowski on how to build up the next generation of graphic designers.

[Show me Matt's advice](#)

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Compass Cloud Open Beta Updates

Certiport will be releasing updates to Compass Cloud every two weeks to enhance stability, performance, and the user experience. Please find the latest developments on Compass Cloud and the open beta test below:



- **Maintenance Notice:** On Sept 20 - Sept 22, Compass Cloud will be undergoing scheduled maintenance to improve the platform and will not be accessible. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience as we work to improve the system.
- **Autodesk 2023 - Next Generation Exams Now Available:** Autodesk 2023 - Next Generation exams are now live on Compass Cloud. We are currently working on implementing Autodesk 2021 and 2022 and will provide an update once support for these exams has been released.
- **Compass Cloud User Guide and FAQ:** Check out the comprehensive [User Guide and FAQs](#) for answers to your most common questions and step-by-step instructions on using the Compass Cloud platform effectively.

For more information on these updates or information on the open beta test for Compass Cloud, please visit the webpage [here](#) .

Justin Partridge: Sr. Product Manager, Certiport Systems



Important Microsoft Office Specialist Championship Updates

Each year, Certiport hosts the Microsoft Office Specialist Championships. These competitions provide opportunities for students to win scholarships, meet new friends, and earn the title of Champion. To qualify and compete in 2024, students must earn a certification in PowerPoint, Word, or Excel in the following versions:

- Office 2019
- Microsoft 365 Apps

Students will no longer be eligible to compete in Office 2016. If you have any questions, please email MOSChampionship@Pearson.com.

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager

Get ready to learn more about Certiport's Student Competitions!

Is your student the next Champion?

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 students participate in these fabulous events can leave educators with lots of questions. Don't worry, we're here to answer them. Attend the Competitions 101 webinar on September 28 at 5 PM EST to learn more!

If you are unable to attend but would like to learn more, please register and we will send you the recording after the session.

[I'm ready to register](#)

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On the podcast



Get more value from your certification investment with **CERTIFIED** Educator of the Year, Karen Coulobme

Are you looking for fresh, innovative ideas for using certifications to help your students and improve your school? Karen Coulobme is here to help.

In this new episode, we chatted with Karen about how to maximize the value of your certification investment. Karen discusses how she celebrates student success and maximizes engagement. Plus, how she gets them to leverage their certification in the workforce.

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Resources for You

Stay Updated on Certiport's Latest News

New Product Information

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

Live Trainings

View the calendar for upcoming onboarding and support webinars.

System Maintenance

Mark your calendar! See what dates are scheduled for periodic maintenance, as maintenance can affect exam delivery.

Compass Updates

Get detailed information on upcoming changes to the Compass exam delivery software.

Important Notices [RSS](#)

Get notifications regarding the use and support of our exam products, delivery systems, solutions, and features.

Exam Content Updates [RSS](#)

Review planned release dates of exams undergoing maintenance.

Support

Find answers online including FAQs, Quick Reference Guides, Technical Requirements, or the different ways to contact our Technical Support team.



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