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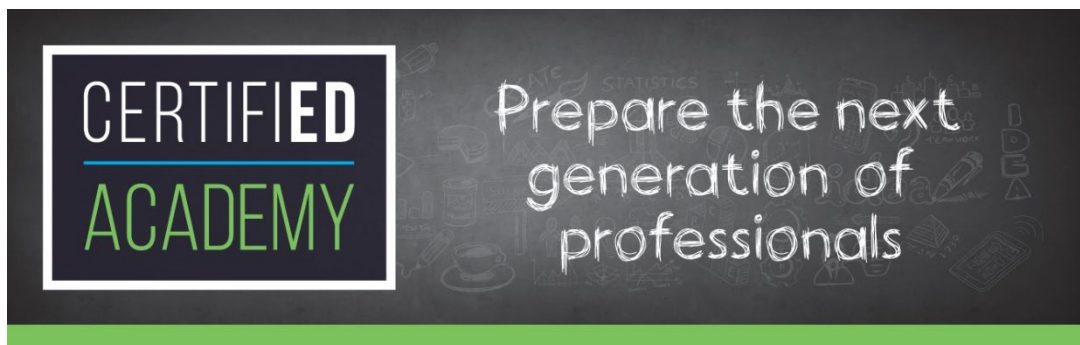
NEWS UPDATE

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## Training and resources for your classroom

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### Empower students of color with digital mastery

Students preparing for high-tech roles need strong digital literacy skills. But according to recent data from [CompTIA's 2024 State of the Tech Workforce report](#), people of color are underrepresented in these roles, with roughly 8% of professionals self-identifying as Black and 8% as Hispanic.

In honor of Black History Month, on February 25 at 12 PM ET, we'll meet with a panel of IT education experts to discuss ways to empower students of color with in-demand technology skills, helping prepare them for their future careers in IT and beyond.

[I'm ready to register](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



## Explore how certification can prepare your students for success

How much can technology certification really impact your classroom, your career, and the lives of your students? Join us at CERTIFIED 2025 to find out. CERTIFIED is the only education conference dedicated exclusively to exploring the full promise of certification in the classroom. Don't miss this opportunity to listen, learn, and collaborate with a community of educators who share your passion for using certification to improve education and change lives.

**I want that early bird pricing**

Dominique Delbar: Product Marketing Manager



## Let's talk about ACE credit and Perkins funding

Are you and your students looking for help with funding? This week, we're diving into ACE credit and Perkins funding with Certiport's Vanessa Buffry, Senior Manager of Strategic Funding.

Vanessa walks us through the details of ACE credit, and how this can be a huge money and time saver for students looking to pursue higher education. She also shares details about Perkins funding, and how states, districts, and educators can leverage it in their classrooms. Looking for details on how to access more funding in 2025? This episode is for you.

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Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



# Microsoft Office Specialist 2016 Retirement



The Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) 2016 certifications will retire on June 30, 2026. After this date, exams for this MOS version will no longer be available. We recommend Certiport Authorized Testing Centers (CATCs) transition to the Microsoft Office 2019 and Microsoft 365 Apps certifications to ensure access to the latest exams.

All MOS exam vouchers, inventory, and licenses can be used for any available exam version within the MOS program. You can check the availability and expiration of any third-party products purchased.

For more information, visit [www.certiport.com/MOS](http://www.certiport.com/MOS) or contact your Certiport Territory Manager.

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager



# The latest for IT Specialist educators

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## IT Specialist Device Configuration and Management exam update coming in February

As Microsoft prepares to retire Windows 10 this year, in parallel we have updated the IT Specialist Device Configuration and Management exam with Windows 11 concepts.

We have made minor adjustments to the objective domains for Windows 10 and Windows 11, specifically the addition of objective 2.2 and the incorporation of Windows Hello to objective 4.2 of the Windows 11 exam. If you have a license, voucher, or inventory for Device Configuration and Management, you will not need to make any updates to your testing center.

When learners are ready for the exam, they should select the Device Configuration and Management exam. They will be given the option to choose Device Configuration and Management Windows 10 or Device Configuration and Management Windows 11, depending on which platform they used to prepare. The certificate will be the same but the score report will reflect Windows 10 or Windows 11.

Our valued learning partners are working as quickly as possible to update their content to reflect this change. We are anticipating LearnKey, GMetrix and Brain Buffet to have their content reflect Windows 11 throughout this year.

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Updates to Arabic, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional, Spanish, French and Portuguese will be coming at a later time.

[Tell me more about the changes](#)

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager

## New questions for the IT Specialist Python certification exam

A new version of the IT Specialist Python exam validates candidates' Python knowledge thanks to performance-based questions, which require real-world coding tasks, including writing Python code in VS Code, an integrated development environment. The Python exam objectives and the certificate candidates receive upon passing the exam remain the same.

Interested in becoming one of our early adopters to review the updates and give feedback? Connect with us!

**Let's see these new questions**

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager



# Prepare students for culinary success with Certiport's Culinary Foundations certification



## Test out the material by trying the crossword puzzle

Does your institution offer culinary courses? Prepare learners for future culinary careers with Certiport's new Culinary Foundations Certification, created in partnership with the World Association of Master Chefs! Developed by industry leaders, subject matter experts, and psychometricians, this certification helps ensure that learners are ready to excel in professional kitchens as cooks while also building the foundation for future leadership roles.

To support exam preparation, Certiport has teamed up with GMetrix to provide CertPREP Practice Tests to help candidates master the content with confidence. You can get a sneak peek with the Culinary Foundations crossword puzzle. This fun and interactive classroom activity offers a preview of the practice test content while engaging learners.

[Let's see this crossword](#)

Dominique Delbar: Product Marketing Manager



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## Happy New (Compass) Year!

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Moving to the newest version of Compass for Windows is one of the best resolutions your CATC can make for 2025. Start the new year strong with the newest version of our state-of-the-art exam delivery technology.

By moving to the newest version of Compass for Windows (19.0.2.1500) your CATC will have the latest updates and bug fixes. The newest version builds on the strong foundation of previous versions, it keeps your Compass system current, and is one of the best ways to achieve a flawless experience for every exam delivered.

To stay current, follow these steps:

- Determine which version of Compass you are using by checking the footer or the About Compass page inside of Compass for Windows.
- If your CATC is currently using a version with a number less than or equal to 19.0.2.1158, you **MUST** upgrade to the newest version.
- If your CATC is currently using 19.0.2.1170, we strongly recommend upgrading to the newest version, as support for this version will end in July 2025.
- If your CATC is currently using one of the following versions we recommend moving to the newest version to benefit from

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**bug fixes and feature enhancements:** 19.0.2.1270,  
19.0.2.1322, or 19.0.2.1383.

- Review the **Compass for Windows User Guide** and follow the steps on Page 36.

For more information about Compass contact your Certiport Territory Manager or go to [www.certiport.com/compass](http://www.certiport.com/compass).

# Resources for You

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## 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.

### Systems Updates

Get detailed information on upcoming changes to our technology and systems.

### 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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