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NEWS UPDATE

November 21, 2024



Maximizing ACE Credit and Perkins V funding with Autodesk Certified User

Join us to explore how ACE Credit and Perkins V funding can support the Autodesk Certified User (ACU) certification program for your students. **Today, November 21 at 3:00 pm ET**, Vanessa Buffry, Certiport's Senior Strategic Funding Manager, will share powerful strategies to help your school leverage these resources, helping ensure students can pursue industry-recognized credentials that set them apart in design, engineering, and beyond. What you'll learn:

- **ACE Credit benefits:** See how ACE Credit recommendations help validate ACU credentials, giving your students a competitive edge in their educational pursuits.
- **Perkins V funding opportunities:** Discover ways to use Perkins funding to support ACU programs, engage students, and build meaningful partnerships with the workforce.
- **Practical strategies:** Gain actionable insights to access funding opportunities, implement ACU certifications in your curriculum, and maximize resources.

[I'm ready to register](#)

Kenneth Masteller: Product Marketing Manager



Simplified Microsoft registration coming in 2025



In January 2025, the Microsoft certification registration page will be updated to streamline the exam registration experience. Going forward only the following fields will be required: Name, Email, and Country.

For additional questions, please contact your Certiport Territory Manager [here](#).

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager



Share your feedback: IT Specialist Python performance-based questions

The new version of the IT Specialist Python exam includes performance-based questions, which allow candidates to validate their knowledge by performing real-world coding tasks in a hands-on setting. These items will also give candidates the opportunity to demonstrate their skills writing Python code in VS Code, an integrated development environment. The exam objectives and the certificate earned upon passing the exam will remain the same.

We'd love to hear what you think of these new performance-based questions. Become an early adopter to review the updates and share your feedback!

[I want to try the exam](#)

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager



The CERTIFIED latest



Have you heard the exciting news?

Registration for CERTIFIED is now open! In 2025, the CERTIFIED Educator Conference will take place just outside Dallas, Texas, at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, June 16-18.

Join your community for a conference full of engaging networking activities, where you can rediscover the value of certification and celebrate with fellow educators. And if you register before April 1, 2025, you'll get \$100 off of the \$795 registration fee.

I'm ready to save \$100 on registration!

Have a great idea for a session at CERTIFIED? **Submit a proposal today!** If your session is selected, we'll pay for your flight, hotel, and conference pass. But don't delay- the submission deadline is November 30, 2024.

Dominique Delbar: Product Marketing Manager



Discover how to prepare learners for careers in cybersecurity

This week, you can learn from cybersecurity experts at Microsoft as they share their insights and tips for IT educators. Together, they dive into their professional experiences, key lessons they've learned, and effective strategies for educators to inspire learners to pursue these cybersecurity career opportunities. Tune in for valuable insights and practical advice on navigating the dynamic world of IT.

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Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



Explore the latest updates to the App Development with Swift program

Interested in teaching app development in your classroom? Then don't miss our final 2024 CERTIFIED Academy: IT webinar. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the new features and enhancements in the App Development with Swift certification program, reflecting current industry trends and technological advancements. We'll review the updated content and discuss how these changes can enhance skills in Swift and Xcode, as well as support career prospects in app development.

Mark your calendars for **December 4 at 12:00 PM ET**. We can't wait to spend time learning with you before the holidays!

[I'm ready to register](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



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Updates for your testing center

COMPASS CLOUD

*the solution for
in-person proctoring*



Coming soon! SMS text messaging for Compass Cloud

Beginning November 21, SMS text messaging capabilities will be available with Compass Cloud, Certiport's flagship exam delivery platform.

This new feature will make it more convenient to confirm and manage exam sessions. When scheduling sessions, simply opt-in to receive text messages. This will allow you to confirm, edit, and cancel exam sessions directly from your phone. Initially, this feature will be available in the US and Canada only, with support for additional countries and regions is coming soon.

For more information, contact your Certiport Territory Manager, or visit www.certiport.com/compass.

Justin Partridge: Senior Product Manager

Thanksgiving holiday hours

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday in the US, the Certiport office in Lehi, Utah will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29. The following services will be unavailable during this time:

- Test Candidate Support
- CATC Customer Service
- CATC Technical Support

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, December 2. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please visit our website for additional information on our holiday hours.

Will your student be the next World Champion?



Each year, Certiport hosts the Adobe Certified Professional and Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Championships. These events offer students a chance to showcase their skills, gain recognition, and win valuable rewards. Watch the Competition 101 webinar to learn more about these championships, how to participate, and support your students' success!

[I want to watch the Competitions 101 webinar](#)

Caroline Dill: Product Marketing Manager

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.

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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