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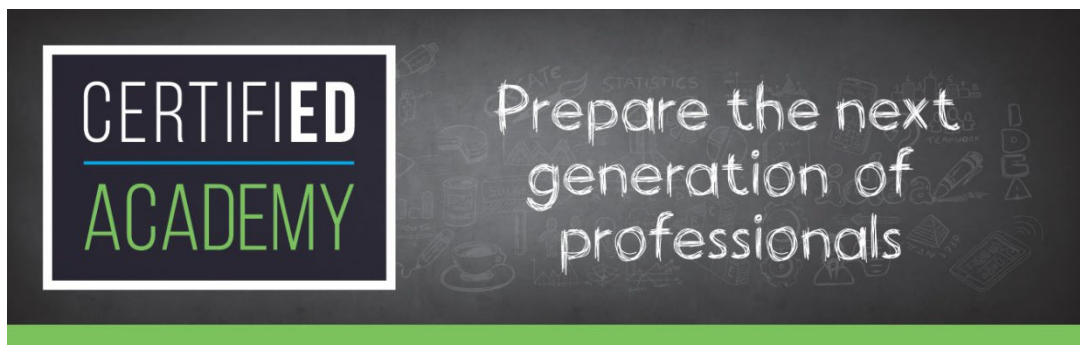
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NEWS UPDATE

February 13, 2025



Learn from your educator community



Empower students of color with digital skills

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.

On February 25 at 12:00 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.

[Reserve my webinar spot](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



How do top educators set goals?

January rolls in with big plans and ambitions for the coming year. However, commitment to New Year's resolutions often flags by February. To keep you excited and committed to your goals, we sat down with three of our CERTIFIED Ambassadors — Laurene Klassen, Ashley Faulkner, and Karen Coulombe — to talk about 2025 goals.

In our latest CERTIFIED Podcast, we discuss the approaches these three veteran educators take toward setting goals, how to decide where to focus your efforts, and how to keep yourself motivated.

If you want to expand your vision for 2025 goal setting, these top teachers have the advice and ideas you need.

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Connect and innovate with your fellow educators

Educators need and deserve a community of supportive, like-minded professionals. So how can you build yours?

At the CERTIFIED Educator Conference, you'll participate in numerous networking opportunities, where you can connect with fellow educators and administrators, share ideas, and build valuable relationships.

Join us to expand your professional network and gain knowledge from leading experts in the field. Plus, if you register by April 1, you can save \$100 off your registration fee.

I'm ready to register and build my community

Dominique Delbar: Product Marketing Manager

Transforming multilingual learning



Discover new resources from Pearson English

Looking for multilingual education resources? Discover how Pearson's innovative tools address key challenges and help educators keep students motivated and engaged. Join us on Thursday, February 27 at 4:00 pm ET as Sara Davila, English Language Specialist Consultant & Pearson GSE Ambassador, and Chris Morley, Senior Solutions Development Manager at Pearson:

- Dive into the Pearson Global Scale of English (GSE), a standardized, granular scale that measures English language proficiency and its significance for multilingual learners.
- Show how to fast-track your learners' progress with the GSE and its alignment to WIDA and other state standards.
- Introduce Pearson's portfolio of courses, diagnostic assessments, and teacher resources and how they support teaching and keep multilingual learners engaged.

Discover how Pearson can help your learners be themselves in English!

[I'm ready to register](#)

Amandine Judas: Product Marketing Manager

Plant the seeds for success with Certiport's Agriscience Foundations certification!



 **AGRISCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**
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Introducing Certiport's new
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Careers program

— **Planting the seeds of success**

Test out the material by trying the crossword puzzle!

Does your school offer Agriculture courses? Help learners cultivate their future careers in agriculture with certification! Certiport's new Agriscience Foundations Certification Program prepares candidates for success in the thriving Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster™.

To ensure students are ready for the certification exam, Certiport has partnered with GMetrix to deliver CertPREP Practice Tests. These practice tests are designed to help candidates master the content and confidently prepare for the exam—and beyond!

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Want a sneak peek? Try the Agriscience Foundations crossword puzzle! This engaging and interactive classroom activity offers a fun way to preview the practice test content while sparking interest in agriculture. Download it today and start planting the seeds for success!

I'm ready to test my ag science skills

Dominique Delbar: Product Marketing Manager



Start preparing now: 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 or contact your Certiport Territory Manager.

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager



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Advice and resources for your testing center



Get started with bulb Portfolios

Ready to help your students start a college and career-ready portfolio? Join one of these upcoming webinars to learn how to seamlessly integrate bulb Portfolios into your CTE classroom.

- [Tuesday, Feb 18 5:30 pm ET](#)
- [Tuesday, Mar 4 5:30 pm ET](#)
- [Thursday, Mar 20 3:30 pm ET](#)

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You'll hear simple, effective strategies to get started, using the curriculum and projects you already have planned. Find out how you can help your students create meaningful, tangible evidence of their skills and experiences before the year ends—without adding extra workload for you!

John Medved: Product Marketing Manager

Make 2025 your (testing) year

Make your 2025 testing experience as smooth as possible, and update to the newest version of Compass for Windows, 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 **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.

John Medved: 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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