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NEWS UPDATE

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# Certiport Announces New Information Technology Specialist Certification



Certiport is pleased to announce a new certification program, Information Technology Specialist. The IT Specialist program is a way for students to validate entry level IT skills sought after by employers.

The Information Technology Specialist program is aimed at candidates who are considering or just beginning a path to a career in information technology. Students can certify their knowledge in a broad range of IT topics. There are 10 technology certifications launching as part of the IT Specialist program:

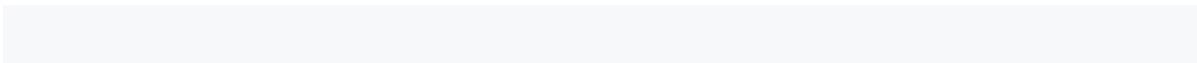
- Databases
- Software Development

- Networking
- Network Security
- JavaScript
- Java
- Python
- HTML and CSS
- HTML5 Application Development
- Device Configuration and Management

The [Information Technology Specialist](#) certification is aligned with Certiport's "Learn, Practice, Certify, Advance" model. Courseware, practice tests and the certification exams will be offered through Certiport, starting July 2021. Exams will be available in Spanish, French, Arabic, Portuguese, and Chinese Simplified. Select exams will also be available in Chinese Traditional and Japanese.

**[Tell Me All about IT Specialist Certification](#)**

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager





# Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) Certification is Retiring

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The Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) certification program has served as a crucial asset providing and validating foundational skills for anyone venturing into the broad world of IT, and has been an important part of the Certiport portfolio of exams. Microsoft has recently decided to evolve their certifications to focus on job roles utilizing Microsoft technology. As a result of these changes, Microsoft has elected to retire the MTA program.

Important dates and next steps to be aware of:

- Beginning July 1, 2021, we will no longer sell Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) certification exams.
- The Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) exams will officially retire on June 30, 2022. Effective July 1, 2022, Certiport will suspend all MTA exam delivery.
- If you are currently studying for an MTA exam, please plan to take the exam before it retires.
- Still have questions? Check out [Microsoft's FAQ](#) for help.

Certiport will continue to offer [Microsoft Office Specialist \(MOS\)](#), [Microsoft Certified Educator \(MCE\)](#), and [Microsoft Certified Fundamentals](#) exams.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to your [Certiport Sales Representative](#).



## Getting to Know the ESB Certification



Many entrepreneurs have passion but may lack the knowledge for how to help their business thrive. Empowering students with entrepreneurial skills is crucial for the future of the economy. Tomorrow's business leaders are in the classroom today, which means it's crucial to give students the knowledge today. One way to prepare students to run their own businesses is using the Entrepreneurship and Small Business certification.

[Tell Me All about ESB Certification](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

# Don't Miss the Final ESB Academy Webinar



ESB Academy is an immersive online experience for entrepreneurial educators. Get exposed to the power of entrepreneurial skills, connect with other entrepreneurship educators for National Entrepreneurship Week, and learn more about Certipoint's Entrepreneurship and Small Business (ESB) certification.

Join us for the third webinar on February 24th at 4 PM ET to learn how to empower students with entrepreneurship skills. Join this webinar to find out how to leverage Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)'s Entrepreneurial Mindset to help students see the value in the skills you teach. Plus, find out how you can expand your skillset with EntreEd's professional development, which is closely connected with Certipoint's ESB certification.

[Save Me a Spot!](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



# You're Invited: Autodesk Certified User Virtual Office Hours



Learn how you can give your CAD students hands-on experience and award them with one of the industry's most in-demand certifications, Autodesk Certified User (ACU).

We are holding virtual office hours all month long so that you can drop by at your convenience to talk about the certification. From the basic overview of what ACU is to how to best utilize the testing software, we will be ready to answer all your questions during our virtual office hours.

We will be holding daily raffle giveaways for those who visit us during office hours! Drop in and leave your name and email for your chance to win.

## **Office Hours Schedule**

*February 15-March 5, 2021*

- Mondays/Wednesdays: 8-10am PT / 11-1pm ET

- Tuesdays/Thursdays: 1-3pm PT / 4-6pm ET
- Fridays: 11-1pm PT / 2-4p ET

[Take Me to the Office](#)

April Baek: Product Marketing Manager

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## 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.

#### **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.

#### **Exam Content Updates**

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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