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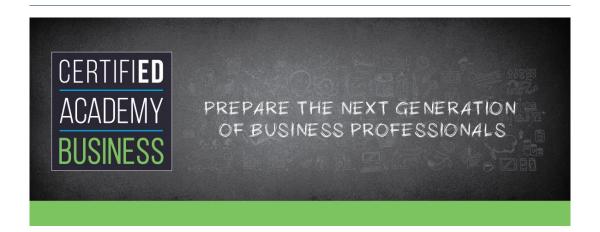


### **NEWS UPDATE**

February 22, 2024



### The latest for Microsoft Office Specialist educators



### Explore workforce readiness through projectbased learning with MOS

Our next CERTIFIED Academy: Business webinar is coming up on **February 28, 1 PM EST**. Join our panel discussion where leading educators will discuss strategies to harness the power of project-based learning and MOS certification, helping prepare students for the demands of the workforce and post-secondary education.

Listen to student success stories, discover effective tools, and acquire practical insights to enhance student success rates, teacher effectiveness, and program efficiency.

I want to register

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



## West Virginia University offers full pathway to success

The John Chambers College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University utilizes Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certifications to enhance their students' job placements and marketability.

Watch the video to discover how they introduce Microsoft Office skills to first-year students through Certiport's full pathway of Learn, Practice, and Certify. This approach has increased their internship placements, student confidence, and departmental success.

Show me the success story

Caroline Campbell: Product Marketing Manager



### Compass for Windows release

The Certiport Technology team has been diligently working to improve Compass, our state-of-the-art exam delivery technology, and we are pleased to announce the release of version **19.0.2.1322** on February 21–which seeks to build on the strong foundation of our previous version, released in July 2023.

Usage reports show that hundreds of CATCs from across the world who have updated to the latest version of Compass have achieved a flawless experience with each exam delivered. Thousands more CATCs have seen a major reduction in the number, and severity, of errors. We are looking forward to even greater rates of success with this newly released version, in which we have eliminated more potential bugs and issues, making it the best version of Compass available.

To experience this same level of quality, we would encourage you to update to the most recent version of Compass as soon as possible. You can do this by reviewing our **Compass for Windows Update Guide**.

For more information about Compass, contact your Territory Manager, or go to www.certiport.com/compass.

JB Tinker: Product Manager



### **Updates for Adobe educators**



## Adobe Certified Professional 2021 certification exams are retiring

On June 30, 2024, Certiport will retire the 2021 versions of the Adobe Certified Professional exams. The 2022 and 2023 exams will remain available. Any Certiport Authorized Testing Center that currently delivers 2021 exams should prepare to deliver more recent versions of the exams instead. Please review the **Adobe Program support page** to ensure all technical requirements are met for Compass exam delivery.

The 2024 versions of the Adobe Certified Professional exams will be **available soon**, as Certiport is working to ensure compatibility with the latest versions of Adobe Creative Cloud software. There are no changes to the exam objectives.

For a complete list of all Adobe Certified Professional exam versions and languages, check out our **release schedule**. Updated 2024 CertPREP practice tests will soon be available and listed on our release schedule as well.

Tell me more

Emma Bury: Field Marketing Manager



# Your student could be Certiport's next Adobe Certified Professional U.S. National Champion!

Are your students ready to submit their original design project to the Spring Qualifier? While students can submit any original design project, below are some elements that can be included to improve their chances of earning an invitation. The original design projects should include:

- Both text and graphical design
- A call-to-action (where applicable)
- Preparing the file for digital OR print distribution (where applicable)
- Original artwork
- A variety of design elements (such as shape, color, space, form, line, value, and texture)

When in doubt, a student can submit what they have! Students can submit an original design project even if it does not include all the items listed. Projects are due May 3, 2024. Encourage project submissions today!

How do my students submit a project?

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager



# Intuit Personal Finance exam now available in Spanish!

We're excited to announce that our Intuit Personal Finance certification exam is now available in Spanish. Aligned with the Council for Economic Education and Jump\$tart Coalition National Personal Financial Education standards, this certification is designed to validate students' mastery of the crucial life skill of personal finance. Previously offered in English, the addition of the Spanish language will empower individuals to demonstrate their expertise in personal finance, regardless of their preferred language.

What is the Intuit Personal Finance exam?

Amandine Judas: Product Marketing Manager

# The latest for our CERTIFIED Community



### Connect and innovate with your fellow educators

One of the best things about attending CERTIFIED is the opportunity to network with fellow educators. The CERTIFIED Educator Conference offers unparalleled networking opportunities, where you can connect with likeminded professionals, share ideas, and build valuable relationships.

Don't miss this chance to expand your professional network and gain knowledge from leading experts in the field. Register by April 1, 2024, and save \$100!

I'm ready to register

Dominique Delbar: Corporate Events Manager



### On the podcast: Exploring the world of Al

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a hot topic of discussion in nearly every industry. We are so excited that we were able to rally two experienced experts to help us dive into the world of AI, Jeff Felice and Joe Brutsche.

During this episode, we learned all about the impact of AI in the world of IT and beyond. We discussed what information individuals should know about AI, including machine learning, generative AI, and ethical practices. If you're looking to dip your toes into the world of artificial intelligence, this episode with Jeff and Joe will help you take the plunge.

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Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

### Discover the value of industryrecognized certifications



### See what's happening in Illinois

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in Illinois equip individuals with the skills and knowledge required for high-skill, high-wage, in-demand employment opportunities. A key element of their program is the integration of industry-recognized certifications, enhancing the educational experience by bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world, practical skill demanded by local industries.

Watch the video that will take you across the state of Illinois and discover how industry-recognized certifications are shaping the future of career readiness!

Show me the video

Amandine Judas: 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.

#### **System 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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