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## NEWS UPDATE

April 20, 2023

# Have you registered for CERTIFIED Academy: Design?

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## Discover the impact of AI on the field of design

The power of artificial intelligence continues to grow. While originally impacting fields such as coding and information technology almost exclusively, AI is now creeping into the world of design.

Join us April 26th at 4 PM ET, when we'll sit down with industry professionals to talk about how AI is impacting designers today, as well as how to prepare students to leverage AI as a design tool in their future careers.

**[I want to register for CERTIFIED Academy: Design](#)**

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



# The Next Generation of PMI Project Management Ready™ is here!



The PMI Project Management Ready (Next Generation) exam is now live! The current version and the Next Generation version of the exam will both be available through the end of June. To avoid disruption in the testing season, educators interested in seeing the Next Generation exam will need to manually download the exam to their testing center. Click the button below for instructions for how to access the exam.

**Get started with the Next Generation**

Eager to get a feel for what the exam looks like? **Take the 10-question test drive now!**

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The Next Generation version of the exam was developed by teachers, for teachers. It was designed to be a one-semester project management certification that can be taught exclusively or as part of other CTE courses such as business, construction, computer science, etc. The PMI Project Management Ready exam also prepares learners for the CAPM® and PMP® certifications from PMI—perfect for individuals who wish to further enhance their project management skills.

New learning products to accompany the Next Generation version of the exam are coming soon. CCI and MSi are developing courseware to support the new version, and a new CertPREP practice test powered by GMetrix will be available. We expect to have these new learning products live by the end of April.

**Contact a Certiport Territory Manager**

Jenny Denney: Marketing Manager



## Lessons learned from entrepreneurs

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Entrepreneurs are a major driver in the economy. Senator Klobuchar from MN said, “Entrepreneurship and innovation are key to our economic prosperity and are needed more than ever as we rebuild our economy and put the pandemic behind us.” Help your students become tomorrow’s innovative business leaders by learning from today’s entrepreneurs.

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In our latest CERTIFIED Podcast episode, we talk about two female entrepreneurs' experiences starting their own businesses, the lessons they've learned, what they wish they'd done differently, and how educators can spark the entrepreneurial fire in their classrooms.

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Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



## Stay updated on all things Cisco

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### Cisco Certified Support Technician and IT Specialist Cybersecurity exam transition

From now until June 30, 2024, candidates that earn an IT Specialist Cybersecurity exam will also have access to CCST Cybersecurity branded certificate and badge. This is because the exams are the same. We created the original IT Specialist Cybersecurity exam in partnership with Cisco before Cisco decided to launch a dedicated program with Certiport. However, please note that the exams will not always be the same. After this transition period, the exams will diverge to offer complementary skills and validation specific to Cybersecurity.

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View the full transition plan along with instructions on how IT Specialist candidates can access their Cisco-branded certificate and badges below.

[Tell me more!](#)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The IT Specialist Networking exam and Cisco Certified Support Technician Networking exam will not be affected by this transition as they are two different exams in the market.

Caroline Campbell: Field Marketing Manager





## Did you miss our Cisco Certified Support Technician webinars?

Recently, we did a deep dive into our new Cisco Certified Support Technician (CCST) certification program through two webinars that featured industry experts, Cisco leadership, and Certiport representatives. You can view the lively conversation around the new CCST Networking and CCST Cybersecurity exams in the webinar recordings below:

- **Empowering learners through the new Cisco Certified Support Technician program**
- **Improving outcomes on the new Cisco Certified Support Technician certifications**

**Tell me about Cisco**

Caroline Campbell: Field Marketing Manager



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# Peak testing season tips and best practices

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As peak testing season approaches, ensure you maximize your CATC's success by checking the following items prior to exam day:

- *Is Compass up to date? If you have not used your testing workstations in a while, launch Compass, log in as a Certiport Organization Administrator, click on the Updates menu, and install any pending updates. This must be repeated on every workstation.*

**Did you know?** In Compass for Windows, if the software is installed, the workstation is on, and there's an active internet connection, the "CertiportNow" service will automatically check for updates according to the update frequency specified in the settings menu – the software does not have to be open.

- *Are your exams up to date? Do you have the exam content downloaded for the exams you wish to administer? To check the content you have downloaded, launch Compass, log in as a Certiport Organization Administrator, click on the Manage Exams menu, and download your desired exams. This must be repeated on every workstation.*

**Did you know?** In Compass for Windows, the "CertiportNow" service will also download any updates to your exam content, but only if you have already downloaded an exam to your testing workstation.

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- *Are you using compatible versions of the locally installed software for Adobe Certified Professional and Autodesk Certified User when administering Live-in-the-Application exams?*

**Did you know?** We have dedicated pages for both [Adobe](#) and [Autodesk](#) LITA exam delivery support.

- *Try the new System Check! This new Compass feature can check a variety of items including your center's current status, if you have a valid Proctor, if you've been activated for all programs, if you have available exam inventory or licenses, and whether your locally installed version of the Microsoft Office software is compatible for Live-in-the-Application MOS delivery. With MOS, you can also run a Configuration Exam to perform a live test run. For detailed information, see the [Compass for Windows user guide](#).*

**Did you know?** We have a page where we post important notices regarding changes to our systems and programs. The notices on this page are also tied to an RSS system that anyone can sign up for and be in direct control of receiving these notices direct to your email without signing up for any additional content. See our [Important Notices](#) page for more information.

- Certiport Operations Team

# 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.

### Compass Updates

Get detailed information on upcoming changes to the Compass exam delivery software.

### 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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