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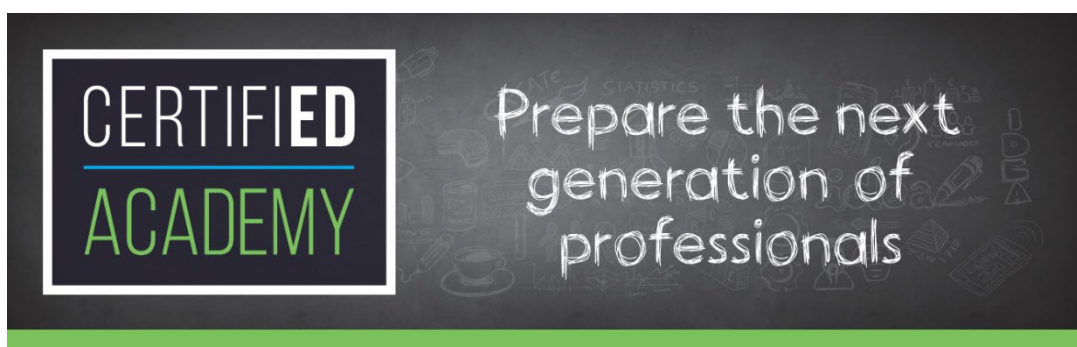
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NEWS UPDATE

May 1, 2025

What's happening in the CERTIFIED community?

Find out how to create a fun classroom environment

Helping students become more engaged in the learning process means creating hands-on learning opportunities. Join us for our final CERTIFIED Academy session of the 2024-2025 school year to find out how to engage your students with a playful and hands-on curriculum.

Mark your calendars for **May 20 at 12 PM ET** when we'll gather to hear advice from veteran educators that you can easily apply in your classroom.

Ready to register?

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

What does it take to become a Spreadsheet Champion?

"Spreadsheet Champions", a new documentary from GoodThing Productions, follows six students as they strive to become MOS Excel Championships.

In a recent CERTIFIED Podcast episode, we sat down with one of the documentary's stars: Mason Braithwaite. Mason shares how he fell in love with technology, how he got involved in Microsoft certification, and what it was like to compete in the MOS US National and World Championships. Plus, he gives us an insider's view of this SXSW premiered documentary.

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Microsoft

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. To access the latest exams, we recommend Certiport Authorized Testing Centers (CATCs) transition to the Microsoft Office 2019 and Microsoft 365 Apps certifications as soon as practical.

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 Dill: Product Marketing Manager

Looking for classroom resources?

AI in the classroom: Nothing to fear

According to a **survey from EdWeek**, only 43% of educators surveyed had received any training on AI. Those left without training or district support may be wondering how to demystify AI and embrace this transformative technology.

Joshua Wohle, co-founder and CEO of Mindstone, shares valuable insights on how educators can take the fear out of using AI in the classroom. Learn some new ideas to help you navigate the world of AI with confidence!

I'm ready to embrace AI in my classroom

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

The new CATC Locator is live!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new CATC Locator, designed to enhance the visibility and accessibility of our Certiport Authorized Testing Centers (CATCs).

Show me the new CATC Locator

Using the CATC Locator's user friendly interface, test-takers can easily find their nearest testing center and achieve their certification goals with ease.

Are you on the list?

We encourage all existing CATCs offering public testing to verify their presence on the new locator. Using the new Locator will help attract more candidates to your center and increase your testing volumes. If your CATC is already listed, please ensure that the information is up-to-date/accurate.

Not listed yet?

If your CATC isn't listed yet, it's not too late! Sign up to offer in-person testing and get added to the CATC Locator. Your center's information will be available for learners looking for testing locations in your area.

To generate funds for your organization, public testing centers may charge candidates a testing fee. Centers must have all the hardware and software required to take an exam and be able to proctor and provide a distraction-free environment in adherence to **Certiport's exam policies**.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact your Certiport Territory Manager.

Become a public CATC

Emma Bury: Field Marketing Manager

Resources for you

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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.

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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.

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Find answers online including FAQs, Quick Reference Guides, Technical Requirements, or the different ways to contact our Technical Support team.