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AUTHORIZED TESTING CENTER

NEWS UPDATE

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Are you ready for CERTIFIED?



Teachers teaching teachers

What's the best part of CERTIFIED? Some say the food. Some say the swag. Our favorite? Learning from educators like you.

Our breakouts are led by teachers and professionals who know what it's like to be in the classroom. And this year's line-up is sure to inspire. Want to see what we're planning to share in Nashville?

[Show me the agenda](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Marketing

CERTIFIED ACADEMY

Prepare the next
generation of professionals

What skills do your students need for their careers?

You're focused on preparing students to be future employees and leaders. Discover what employers value most—and how you can equip students with the skills to thrive.

Join us on **May 19 at 11 a.m. ET** where we'll sit with business leaders and HR professionals to discover what skills matter most. We'll also talk about resumes and interviewing, plus how your students can land their dream job.

[I'm ready to register](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Marketing



On the podcast: AI in the world of design

How is AI transforming design? We sat down with four experts to find out—and to bring you clear, current guidance you can use in the classroom.

Together, we explore responsible AI classroom use, how to balance creation and curation, the human skills that make AI effective, and concrete ways to prepare students for future design careers.

If you're looking for practical ideas you can use with creative students, this is a great place to start.

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Special update for Autodesk testing centers

To continue to offer you the best testing experience, our Systems team has released an update to support .NET 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0. This update is now available for download in the Portal. If you use Compass Local, please update to the latest version.

This release reduces technical requirements associated with the Autodesk Maya software during the exam session.

You can install the update now by following these steps:

- Uninstall Compass from your computers.
- Log in to the Portal and download the latest Compass installer.
- Install the latest version of Compass.

Ready to offer Autodesk Certified User exams? Check out all the technical requirements to set up your lab.

[Show me the technical requirements](#)

Kenneth Masteller: Product Marketing Manager



Meet the newest Microsoft certification

Help your students master the fundamentals of Copilot and AI administration with the new Microsoft Certified Fundamentals Copilot & Agent Administration (AB-900) certification.

This exam validates the essential skills needed to support, secure, and administer AI-powered Microsoft 365 environments. It's an ideal starting point for aspiring IT administrators, early-career professionals, business analysts, project managers, and anyone eager to understand how AI, Copilot, and intelligent agents are managed in the workplace.

[Tell me about this new certification](#)

Dominique Delbar: Marketing

Have you heard?

Exam retirements: Stay in the know

Our certifications ensure your students have validated skills in the latest technologies. This means retiring the older versions of the software and exams and focusing on the newest applications.

Check out our list and corresponding dates of recent and upcoming exam or application support retirements. Make sure to update to newer exams and applications as soon as possible to avoid issues with exam delivery.

Which exams are retiring?

Resources for you

Stay updated on our 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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