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## NEWS UPDATE

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## The Microsoft latest

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And the gold medal goes to...

Thousands entered. Fewer than 200 were selected to compete on the national stage. Microsoft Office Specialist students came to showcase their skills in the 2025 MOS U.S. National Championship. But who took home the gold?

**Who are the winners?**

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

## Support for Office 2016 and 2019 to end in October

Effective October 14, 2025, Microsoft will no longer offer support for Office 2016 and Office 2019. After this date, all Office 2016 and 2019 apps will continue to function, but Microsoft will no longer provide software updates, technical support, bug fixes, or security patches.

As a reminder, the Microsoft Office Specialist 2016 exams will retire on June 30, 2026. We currently do not have a retirement date for the Microsoft Office Specialist 2019 exams. Based on these updates, we encourage you to transition to the latest MOS certification version to maintain access to the most up-to-date content and support. This transition plan may be adjusted if any significant issues arise following the end of Microsoft's support.

Caroline Dill: Product Marketing Manager

## Microsoft certifications have a new user interface and objective domains

To ensure that its certifications reflect the latest in technology, Microsoft recently updated the objective domains (ODs) for two Microsoft Certified Fundamentals certification exams. Get the updated ODs below:

- **Microsoft 365 Fundamentals (MS-900)**
- **Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals (AI-900)**

Additionally, the user interface (UI) for the above exams and, the Microsoft Certified Educator certification, received improvements and accessibility updates.

**Show me the new Microsoft ODs**

Caroline Dill: Product Marketing Manager



## Who came out on top?

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## Introducing the 2025 Adobe Certified Professional U.S. National Champions

Last week, students from across the United States gathered in Grapevine, Texas to compete in the 2025 Adobe Certified Professional U.S. National Championship. After hours of rigorous designing and judging, we selected this year's winners. Find out who took home the trophy.

**Who are the Adobe champions?**

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



## The IT Specialist program is getting a summer makeover

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Throughout the summer, we'll be updating several IT Specialist exams to keep them current with the latest technology. Find out what's changing in the coming months before you're back in school this fall.

[Tell me what's changing](#)

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager



# What's happening at Certiport?

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## We'll be closed for Independence Day

Our office will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day. Our candidate and technical support and customer service teams will not be available on July 4, but we will resume our normal business hours on July 7.

Visit our [website](#) for information on our holiday hours.

# Get your PD hours in with BrainBuffet

Professional development (PD) hours help you keep your skills up to date. We've partnered with BrainBuffet to bring you flexible PD hours tailored to your goals, whether you're new to educational software, prepping students for certifications, or leading IT integration.

## Find Your PD Path

### **New to the tools? Start strong.**

Build confidence with a simple one-hour or series of introductory sessions for software like Adobe, Autodesk, or Microsoft Office. Perfect for first-time users!

### **Already skilled? Go deeper.**

Refine your expertise with 90-minute sessions focused on advanced workflows or classroom integration strategies.

### **Prepping for certifications? Lead the way.**

Guide your students to success with up to three hours of PD on exam-aligned strategies for Adobe, Cisco, QuickBooks, and more.

### **Admins and IT teams? Master the system.**

Optimize software implementation and security with up to six hours of training tailored to institutional needs.

## Why BrainBuffet?

- Customizable PD: It's not a "one-size-fits-all" approach. Align sessions with your goals.
- For anyone: You can access PD hours even if you use other learning providers.
- Focus on teaching: We handle the training; you focus on your students.

Ready to get started? Contact your Certiport Territory Manager today!

Liliya Rajsombath: Product Management Analyst





## Meet our 2025 CERTIFIED Educator of the Year

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Every summer, we gather to explore the promise and potential of certification during our CERTIFIED Educator Conference. And each year, we're amazed at the work and dedication of all our educators across the country and the globe.

As part of CERTIFIED, we select one attendee as our CERTIFIED Educator of the Year, in recognition of their contributions and creativity in the classroom. We're thrilled to introduce our 2025 award winner: Kim Kayser of Santa Rosa County, Florida.

**Let's hear Kim's story**

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager

# 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.

### 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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