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Are your students college and career ready?

Tomorrow’s employees are in your classroom today. Prepare them for their next steps with practical resources and proven strategies for college and careers.

Join our next CERTIFIED Academy webinar on September 29 at 11 AM ET! Hear about how you can make sure your students are ready to move to the next stop on their career journey. Plus, discover resources you can leverage in the classroom.

Reserve my (webinar) seat

Hannah Crepeau: Marketing

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Meet your 2026 CERTIFIED Educators of the Year

Each year, we are so excited to recognize exceptional contributions in education with our CERTIFIED Educator of the Year award. This award is given to dedicated, talented, and powerful educators from across the United States.

This year, we couldn't give the award to just one teacher. In our latest CERTIFIED Podcast episode, you can meet Fran Clark and Ashley Faulkner, the 2026 CERTIFIED Educators of the Year!

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AUTODESK
Certified User

Autodesk software support update

We are working on the 2027 Autodesk software support. AutoCAD, Inventor, Revit, and 3ds Max English support is live and available on Compass Local, with Maya support available in the coming weeks. Once all the 2027 software support is live, they will be added to the Compass Cloud delivery platform.

Please note that 2024 support files for the Autodesk software will be discontinued as the 2027 support is released. Candidates will only be able to take the exam using the 2025, 2026 or 2027 versions of the Autodesk Software. Please check the product release page for localization release dates.

Also, 2025 exam versions and newer for Maya and 3DS Max only support the Next Generation Exam User Interface. With the retirement of 2024 software support, the Legacy Exam User Interface will also retire.

Becky Sommer: Product

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PMI Project Management Ready® certification updates coming

We will be refreshing the PMI Project Management Ready® exam objective domains with relevant updates in the coming weeks. Some newer concepts such as incorporating AI into project management, and more have been added.

For more information, check out the updated objective domains **here**.

Becky Sommer: Product

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Adobe Certified Professional

Creating a brighter future for your students

Adobe Certified Professional certifications are expanding to five-year expiration

Beginning October 21, 2026, all Adobe Certified Professional certifications and Adobe Certified Professional Specialty credentials will be valid for five years, extending the current three-year validity period.

Tell me about the expiration changes

Dominique Delbar: Marketing

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Resources for Adobe Certified Professional educators

Helping your students pass their Adobe Certified Professional certification exams takes planning, preparation, and the right support. The good news? Teachers and administrators do not have to do it alone.

We've gathered practical resources to help you prepare students with confidence, strengthen testing readiness, and support success on exam day. Bookmark this page and check back often as new tools and resources are added!

Show me the resources

Dominique Delbar: Marketing

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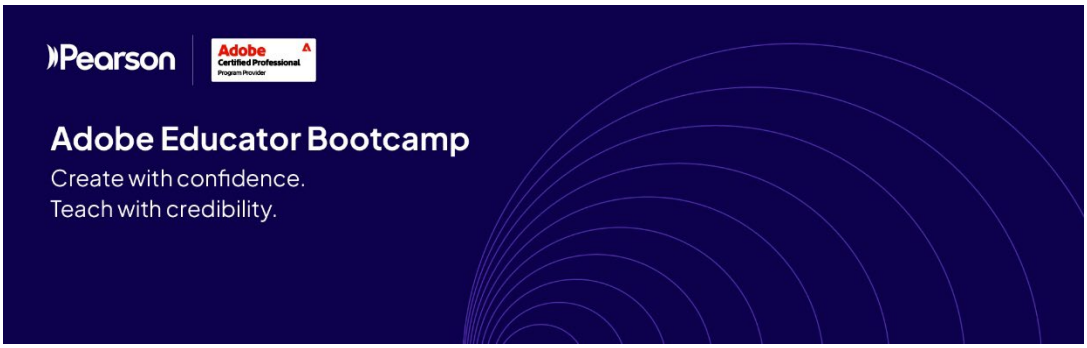

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I'm ready to register

Dominique Delbar: Marketing

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We need your feedback

K12 AI readiness survey

We recently partnered with AWS on an AI Readiness Research Project to better understand how college graduates are being prepared to enter a workforce where employers are using AI to transform how work gets done. What became clear from the research, is there's a gap between what students are experiencing in the classroom, and what skills are expected by employers.

We're expanding the research to better understand the K12 AI landscape, because we know many students earn certifications in high school that allows them to go directly into the workforce. Those that go to college, what AI skills do they have coming into the post-secondary environment and does that play part in the college to workforce readiness gap?

Career & Technical pathways are ever expanding, so we'd like to gather feedback from educators like yourselves who are grounded in both the K12 world and have extensive workforce insight. We would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to give us your feedback and experience around what you think about AI Readiness.

I'll take the survey

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