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Microsoft Certification

15%

Higher earnings on average compared to non-certified workers

Certified Employees Show Improved Productivity, Increased Efficiency, IDC WhitePaper2016

19%

of hiring managers consider employee certification as a criterion for hiring

Microsoft Certified Professional Satisfaction Survey

Microsoft Certification

With Microsoft Certification, educators are able to validate their students' technology skills, which helps these students stand out from the crowd and enhance their education and career prospects.

The vast majority of new jobs created in the next five years will require technology skills. Providing your institution with the resources available through the Microsoft Imagine Academy program ensures that your students have access to the latest technology training and allows students to validate their new skills with globally recognized Microsoft Certification.

A lifetime of benefits

By earning a Microsoft Certification, students have the opportunity to:
• demonstrate their skills on the latest technologies
• have a firm measure of and increased confidence in their skills
• achieve a higher degree of success in their pursuit of higher education or a career in technology
• gain recognition among peers and employers, and a distinct edge in the competitive job market
• chart a career development path for ongoing advancement of Microsoft technology skills

College credit

Pass a Microsoft Certification exam and apply for US college credit via the ACE College Credit Recommendation Service: www.acenet.edu/credit

Microsoft Productivity Certification

A thriving industry

Students need productivity skills gained through Microsoft Office whether they are moving toward advanced education or looking for a business career.

Microsoft Office Certification: the global standard in productivity

Educators can help students validate their skills through Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification. For students whose sights are set on a career, Microsoft Office Certifications are offered at three levels:

Microsoft Office Specialist

MOS Certification is the recognized standard for core Microsoft Office skills.

Microsoft Office Specialist–Expert

MOS Expert Certification recognizes an authority on advanced Microsoft Office functionality.

Microsoft Office Specialist–Master

MOS Master Certification is the pinnacle distinction for outstanding proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite.

"Skills are key to the prosperity of nations and to better lives for individuals in the 21st century. They contribute to economic growth both directly, through increased productivity, and indirectly, by creating greater capacity to adopt new technologies and ways of working and to spur innovation."

– OECD Global Skills Report

Microsoft Technology Certification

A clear path to success

Microsoft's certification program is straightforward and helps students acquire the technology skills they need to be successful in college and careers.

Start with MTA

Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) certification is Microsoft's entry-level training and certification on the fundamentals of IT Infrastructure, Database and Software Development. Pass just one exam and students earn an MTA Certification, taking their first step toward building a career in technology—or enhancing their career in business. MTA Tracks prepare students for hands-on product learning, whether it's in an entry level job, in the classroom, or through self-study.

Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist

Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist Series (MCTS) certifications are designed to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of a key product or technology, validating the ability to implement, build, troubleshoot and debug a particular Microsoft technology.

Microsoft Certifications complement institution curriculum, programs and reputation. Through certifications, educators can help students get recognized by peers and hiring managers.

Microsoft Certified Professional

Microsoft Professional Certifications are designed to demonstrate a comprehensive set of job-related skills, such as project management, system design, and operations management. These certifications include Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE), Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA), Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP) and Microsoft Certified Professional Developer (MCPD) certifications.

Getting started

Your institution can order Microsoft Certifications through a Microsoft Academic Volume Licensing agreement. The Microsoft Imagine Academy program provides curriculum and lab resources an educator needs to prepare students for certification.

Using the same reseller and convenient tools you use for your other Microsoft software and services, you can get a complete technology education solution to help train and certify your students and enhance their education and career prospects.

How do I get started?

Contact your Academic Licensing Reseller or visit: www.microsoft.com/imagineacademy

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