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NEWS UPDATE

November 18, 2021



Meet the 2021 MOS World Champions!



The results are in, and it's time for us to share the winners of the 2021 Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) World Online Championship.

In its 19th year, the competition attracted more than 200,000 contestants from 108 countries. Students, ages 13 to 22, competed with peers to prove their superior skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, culminating in the most popular technology skills competition on Microsoft Office—and the only one endorsed by Microsoft since its inception in 2002. Interested to see who placed in the top ten in their exam category? Get the full list on the [blog](#)!

[Show Me the Champions!](#)

Hannah Crepeau: Content Marketing Manager



2021 ACA World Online Championship Awards Ceremony



Did you know that we also had a competition for our Adobe certified students? The Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) World Championship is a global competition that tests students' design skills using Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign. Top students are invited to represent their respective countries at the World Championship where they will create a designated design project for Certiport's chosen nonprofit client.

Join us on Monday, November 22nd at 7:00 AM MST/9 AM EST to watch the live streamed 2021 ACA World Championship awards ceremony. Trust us, seeing the students' amazing design creations is something you won't want to miss.

[I Want to Watch the ACA World Championship Awards](#)

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Get a Peek Inside the IT Specialist Curriculum

The new IT Specialist program validates entry level IT Skills. As part of this program, several new certification exams have been announced, including the new Computational Thinking exam, which will be released with aligned learning and practice material early next year.

In preparation for the launch of the Computational Thinking certification, we are currently at a stage of reviewing and gathering feedback about the learning content. If you would like to get a first look at the curriculum content and would be willing to provide feedback, please email John Douglas (John.Douglas@Pearson.com) by November 30th.

We are excited about this certification and are looking forward to your feedback to make sure we're giving you what you need.

Let's Email John

Ashley Walton: Product Marketing Manager



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We'll Be Closed for Thanksgiving

The Certiport office in American Fork, UT will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th, 2021 for Thanksgiving Day:

November 25th:

- Test Candidate Support: Closed
- CATC Customer Service: Closed
- CATC Technical Support: Closed

November 26th:

- Test Candidate Support: (Open reduced hours) 7am-3pm MT
- CATC Customer Service: Closed
- CATC Technical Support: Closed

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 29th, 2021.
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

[Show Me Certiport's Holiday Hours](#)

This Week, on the Podcast

Sharing the Power of Microsoft Certifications with Kathy Schmit



If we could choose a press agent for Microsoft certifications, it would be Kathy Schmit. Kathy is a 10-year veteran teacher with 25 years of firsthand experience applying Microsoft products in the business industry. Kathy will be the first to tell, in her enthusiastic manner, that certification matters! But above all else she will share with you and make you a believer that certification is for EVERYONE!

Continued...

In this episode, we talked about all things Microsoft certification: how to get your students excited, where to involve parents, collaborating with other teachers at your school, and leveraging the power of Microsoft certification in your community. It's not an exaggeration to say that Kathy has seen these certifications change lives, and we know that after this episode, you'll catch her vision.

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See what exams have been recently released or are coming soon.

System Maintenance

Mark your calendar! See what dates are scheduled for periodic maintenance, as maintenance can affect exam delivery.

Compass Updates

Get detailed information on upcoming changes to the Compass exam delivery software.

Exam Content Updates

Review planned release dates of exams undergoing maintenance.

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



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