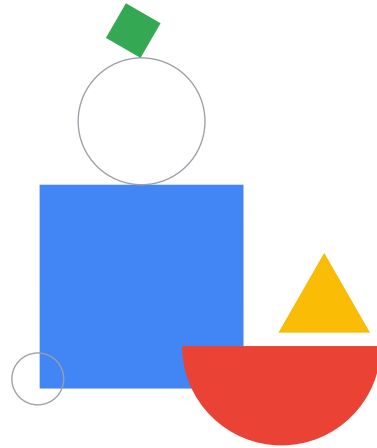


# Preparing for Your Associate Cloud Engineer Journey

Module 6: Your Next Steps



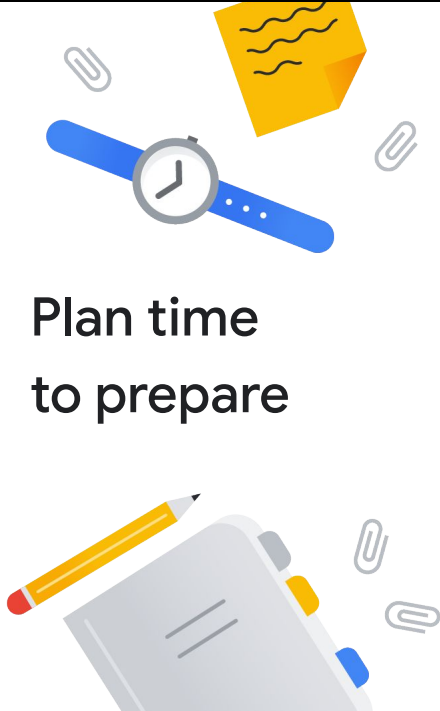
Welcome to the Module 6: Your Next Steps. In this module, you'll focus on creating your individualized study plan.

## Weekly study goals



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In this module, you'll use the notes you've been taking throughout this course to put together a study plan for each week in your Associate Cloud Engineer journey.



## Plan time to prepare

When will you take the exam?	
How many weeks do you have to prepare?	
How many hours will you spend preparing for the exam each week?	
How many total hours will you prepare?	

Now that you've explored all five sections of the exam guide, consider what you've learned about your knowledge and skills through the diagnostic questions in this course. You should have a better understanding of what areas you need to focus on and what resources are available.

Think about the answers to these questions: When will you take the exam? How many weeks does that give you to prepare? How many hours can you realistically spend preparing for the exam each week? How many total hours will you prepare?

Be sure to leave enough time at the end of your plan to re-take the diagnostic questions and the sample questions, and fill in any gaps in your knowledge that may remain.

Take a few minutes to think about how much time you will allocate to preparing for the exam and note your answers in the workbook.

# Sample study plan

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure	Create and Manage Cloud Resources Skill Badge  Perform Foundational Infrastructure Tasks in Google Cloud Skill Badge	Architecting with Compute Engine	Set Up and Configure a Cloud Environment in Google Cloud Skill Badge	Getting started with GKE  Automating Infrastructure on Google Cloud with Terraform Skill Badge	Sample questions  Review documentation

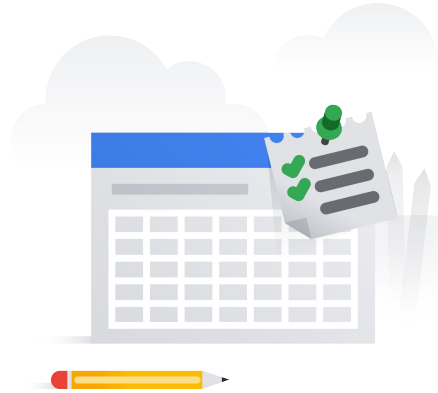
The number of weeks in your preparation journey will depend on a variety of factors, such as your prior experience with Google Cloud and how much time you have available to dedicate to studying each week. You might choose to focus on specific courses or Skill Badges each week, such as in this sample study plan, or instead focus your weekly study on a specific topic, such as configuring VPCs.

Once you have a high-level idea of how many weeks you have to study and how you want to determine your weekly focus, you'll want to build out a plan with weekly goals and study activities.

# Create a weekly study plan

Consider:

- What exam guide section(s) or topic area(s) will you focus on?
- What courses (or specific modules) will help you learn more?
- What Skill Badges or labs will you work on for hands-on practice?
- What documentation links will you review?
- What additional resources will you use - such as sample questions?



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Use the template in your workbook to plan your study goals for each week. Consider:

- What exam guide section(s) or topic area(s) will you focus on?
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- What documentation links will you review?
- What additional resources will you use - such as sample questions?

You may do some or all of these study activities each week. Let's review an example.

## Weekly study template (example)

Area(s) of focus:	Configuring access using IAM
Courses/modules to complete:	Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure, Module 2 Resources and Access in the Cloud Architecting with Google Compute Engine, Module 4 Identity and Access Management
Skill Badges/labs to complete:	Set Up and Configure a Cloud Environment in Google Cloud
Documentation to review:	<a href="https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/overview">https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/overview</a> <a href="https://cloud.google.com/architecture/prep-kubernetes-engine-for-prod#managing_identity_and_access">https://cloud.google.com/architecture/prep-kubernetes-engine-for-prod#managing_identity_and_access</a> <a href="https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/creating-custom-roles">https://cloud.google.com/iam/docs/creating-custom-roles</a> <a href="https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/production#automatically">https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/production#automatically</a> <a href="https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/">https://cloud.google.com/docs/authentication/</a>
Additional study:	Sample questions 1-5

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If you've identified configuring access using IAM as a particular area you need to study, you might choose to structure your study for a week to include targeted modules from the on-demand training, a related Skill Badge for hands-on practice, and documentation.

Alternatively, you might choose one week to complete an entire course, and another week to focus on a Skill Badge. You can determine the approach that fits your existing skillset.

## Weekly study template

Area(s) of focus:

Courses/modules  
to complete:

Skill Badges/labs  
to complete:

Documentation  
to review:

Additional study:

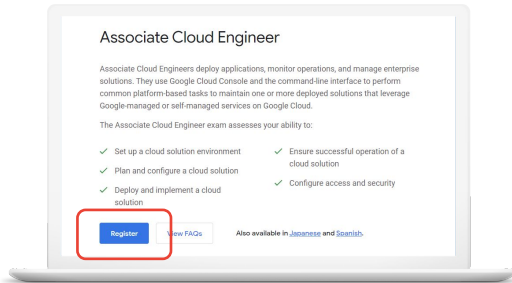
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Find the weekly study template at the end of your workbook. Duplicate the weekly template for the number of weeks in your individual preparation journey.

Remember, you may need to adjust your plans based on the areas where you need to learn more. For more information about the resources we've discussed in this course, refer to your notes and the student copy of the slides.

# Registering for the ACE exam

1. Go to the ACE certification information site  
<https://cloud.google.com/certification/cloud-engineer>
2. Click the link to register for the exam



3. Create or log into a Webassessor account
4. Choose "Register for an Exam"
5. Choose either a remote or an onsite proctoring option  
(If you chose onsite proctoring, you will then need to select a testing location)
6. Schedule a testing date and time
7. Pay for your exam using an exam voucher or a credit card

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# Thank you.

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