Course Modules

1 Course Introduction

- Introductions and course logistics
- Course objectives

2 Introduction to vSphere and the Software-Defined Data Center

- Explain basic virtualization concepts
- Describe how vSphere fits into the software-defined data center and the cloud infrastructure
- Explain how vSphere interacts with CPUs, memory, networks, and storage
- Recognize the user interfaces for accessing the vCenter Server system and ESXi hosts
- Describe the ESXi host architecture
- Navigate the Direct Console User Interface (DCUI) to configure an ESXi host
- Recognize ESXi host user account best practices
- Install an ESXi host
- Use VMware Host Client™ to configure ESXi host settings
- Describe how to proactively manage your vSphere environment using VMware Skyline

3 Virtual Machines

- Create and provision a virtual machine
- Explain the importance of VMware Tools™
- Install VMware Tools
- Identify the files that make up a VM
- Recognize the components of a VM
- Recognize virtual devices supported by a VM
- Describe the benefits and use cases for containers
- Identify the parts of a container system

4 vCenter Server

- Describe the vCenter Server architecture
- Discuss how ESXi hosts communicate with vCenter Server
- Deploy and configure vCenter Server Appliance
- Use vSphere Client to manage the vCenter Server inventory
- Add data center, organizational objects, and hosts to vCenter Server
- Use roles and permissions to enable users to access objects in the vCenter Server inventory
- Back up vCenter Server Appliance
- Monitor vCenter Server tasks, events, and appliance health
- Use VMware vCenter Server® High Availability to protect a vCenter Server Appliance

5 Configuring and Managing Virtual Networks

- Create and manage standard switches
- Describe the virtual switch connection types
- Configure virtual switch security, traffic-shaping, and load-balancing policies
- Compare vSphere distributed switches and standard switches

6 Configuring and Managing Virtual Storage

- Identify storage protocols and storage device types
- Discuss ESXi hosts using iSCSI, NFS, and Fibre Channel storage
- Create and manage VMFS and NFS datastores
- Explain how multipathing works with iSCSI, NFS, and Fibre Channel storage
- Recognize the components of a VMware vSAN™ configuration

7 Virtual Machine Management

- Use templates and cloning to deploy new virtual machines
- Modify and manage virtual machines
- Create a content library and deploy virtual machines from templates in the library
- Use customization specification files to customize a new virtual machine
- Perform vSphere vMotion and vSphere Storage vMotion migrations
- Describe the Enhanced vMotion Compatibility feature
- Create and manage virtual machine snapshots
- Examine the features and functions of VMware vSphere® Replication™
- Describe the benefits of VMware vSphere® Storage APIs – Data Protection

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8 Resource Management and Monitoring

- Discuss CPU and memory concepts in a virtualized environment
- Describe what overcommitment of a resource means
- Describe methods for optimizing CPU and memory usage
- Use various tools to monitor resource use
- Create and use alarms to report certain conditions or events

9 vSphere Clusters

- Describe the functions of a vSphere DRS cluster
- Create a vSphere DRS cluster
- Monitor a vSphere cluster configuration
- Describe options for making a vSphere environment highly available
- Explain the vSphere HA architecture
- Configure and manage a vSphere HA cluster
- Examine the features and functions of VMware vSphere® Fault Tolerance
- Describe the function of the vSphere® Cluster Service

10 vSphere Lifecycle Management

- Recognize the importance of vCenter Server Update Planner
- Describe how VMware vSphere® Lifecycle Manager™ works
- Describe how to update ESXi hosts using baselines
- Validate ESXi host compliance using a cluster image
- Describe how to upgrade VMware Tools and VM hardware
- Describe VMware vSphere® Lifecycle Manager™ and VMware vSAN™ integration

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