



Google Cloud Certification Journey

Professional Cloud Architect

Cohort start date - November 4th, 2025

Cohort ID: PCA03-GETCERT/2025.11.04

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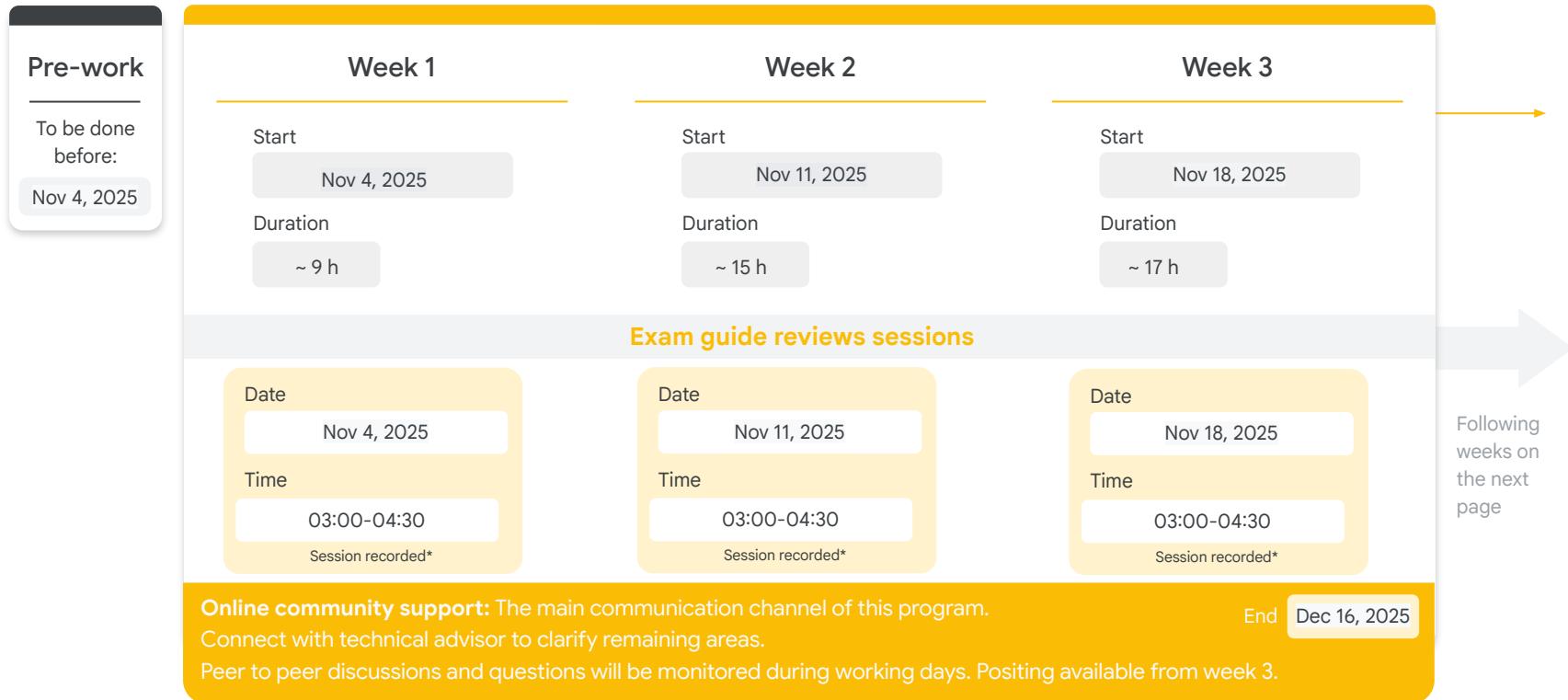
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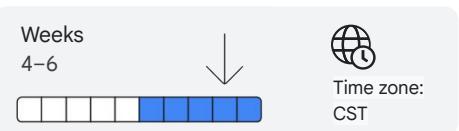
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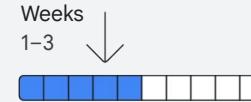
Time zone:
CST

Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Exams
Start Nov 25, 2025	Start Dec 02, 2025	Start Dec 09, 2025	
Duration ~ 12 h	Duration ~ 12 h	Duration ~ 14 h	
Exam guide reviews sessions			
Date Nov 25, 2025	Date Dec 02, 2025	Date Dec 09, 2025	
Time 03:00-04:30	Time 03:00-04:30	Time 03:00-04:30	
Session recorded*			
Online community support: The main communication channel of this program. Connect with technical advisor to clarify remaining areas. Peer to peer discussions and questions will be monitored during working days. Posting available from week 3.			
End Dec 16, 2025			

Learning plan continuation →

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Learning plan



★ Skill badge

Pre-work

Review:

- [Professional Cloud Architect Certification Exam Guide](#)
- [Professional Cloud Architect Sample Questions](#)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Please complete:	Please complete:	Please complete:
<p>★ Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine Required*</p> <p>Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure</p>	<p>★ Set Up an App Dev Environment on Google Cloud Required*</p> <p>Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Foundation</p> <p>Logging, Monitoring and Observability in Google Cloud</p>	<p>★ Build Infrastructure with Terraform on Google Cloud Required*</p> <p>Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Core Services</p> <p>Observability in Google Cloud</p>



Following weeks on
the next page

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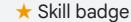
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Last day to attempt the Exam: **2nd February, 2026**.

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Learning plan

Weeks
4–6



Week 4

Please complete:

- ★ [Optimize Costs for Google Kubernetes Engine](#)

Required*

[Elastic Google Cloud Infrastructure: Scaling and Automation](#)

→ Get you voucher if you completed already 5 skill badges!

Week 5

Please complete:

- ★ [Develop your Google Cloud Network](#)

Required*

[Getting Started with Google Kubernetes Engine](#)

[Developing Applications with Cloud Run on Google Cloud: Fundamentals](#)

Week 6

Please complete:

[Reliable Google Cloud Infrastructure: Design and Process](#)

- ★ [Set Up a Google Cloud Network](#)

Required*

[★ Cloud Architecture: Design, Implement, and Manage](#)

Required*

Build exam readiness. Revise materials and session recordings.

Claim your exam voucher and book the exam!*

Exams



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Program elements



6 weeks guided learning program

Starting on **4th November, 2025** at **3:00pm to 4:30pm CST**



Technical mentorship provided by a **dedicated trainer** in a format of:

- **6 Exam guide review sessions**
(online live sessions with a technical mentor. Sessions have a predefined content and structure)
- **6 weeks support via Online Community.**



A dedicated cohort coordinator

akshatad@xwf.google.com

Available Monday till Friday during business hours.



Exam voucher information

Get your exam voucher by filling this [form](#). Please allow **24-72** hours to receive the voucher (from the request date). Please attempt the exam by **2nd February, 2026**.



Learning platforms

Google Skills with access to the on-demand courses and for hands-on labs.

Program shortcuts

Program asset	Access via	Content	Link
Online Community via Google Groups	Google Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Weekly updates according to learning plans ● Trainer's support on technical questions ● Cohort coordinator's support for program questions ● Additional information about program-related events, news, features etc. 	 
Program Folder via Google Drive	Google Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learning plan ● Session's decks ● Recordings ● Other materials 	 
On demand training and Hands-on practice via Google Skills	Email address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Google Skills is an online learning environment along with a set of instructions to walk you through a live, real world, and scenario-based use case. In a lab you have access to the actual environment you want to learn about, not a simulation or demo environment. 	 
Google Form	Google Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To grant the access to Google Groups and Google Drive. 	 