

# Google Cloud Certification Journey

## Professional Cloud Architect

Cohort start date - November 4th, 2025

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## Dates overview

Weeks

1-3

Time zone:  
CST

### Pre-work

To be done  
before:

Nov 4, 2025

### Week 1

Start

Nov 4, 2025

Duration

~ 9 h

### Week 2

Start

Nov 11, 2025

Duration

~ 15 h

### Week 3

Start

Nov 18, 2025

Duration

~ 17 h

### Exam guide reviews sessions

Date

Nov 4, 2025

Time

03:00-04:30

Session recorded\*

Date

Nov 11, 2025

Time

03:00-04:30

Session recorded\*

Date

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Time

03:00-04:30

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Peer to peer discussions and questions will be monitored during working days. Posting available from week 3.

End

Dec 16, 2025

Following  
weeks on  
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Weeks

4-6

Time zone:  
CST

### Week 5

Start

Nov 25, 2025

Duration

~ 12 h

### Week 6

Start

Dec 02, 2025

Duration

~ 12 h

### Week 7

Start

Dec 09, 2025

Duration

~ 14 h

### Exams



### Exam guide reviews sessions

Date

Nov 25, 2025

Time

03:00-04:30

Session recorded\*

Date

Dec 02, 2025

Time

03:00-04:30

Session recorded\*

Date

Dec 09, 2025

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### Pre-work

Review:

[Professional Cloud Architect Certification Exam Guide](#)

[Professional Cloud Architect Sample Questions](#)

### Week 1

Please complete:

★ [Implement Load Balancing on Compute Engine](#)  
Required\*

[Google Cloud Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure](#)

### Week 2

Please complete:

★ [Set Up an App Dev Environment on Google Cloud](#)  
Required\*

[Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Foundation](#)

[Logging, Monitoring and Observability in Google Cloud](#)

### Week 3

Please complete:

★ [Build Infrastructure with Terraform on Google Cloud](#)  
Required\*

[Essential Google Cloud Infrastructure: Core Services](#)

[Observability in Google Cloud](#)

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\*Complete at least **5** (out of 6) Google Skill badges from your learning plan, share your public GS profile with us by filling in this [form](#) and **get your exam voucher!** Voucher is awarded based on skill badges completion and the availability.

The voucher form is open until **15th January, 2026**.

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

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### Exams



#### Week 4

Please complete:

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

Required\*

#### Week 5

Please complete:

★ [Develop your Google Cloud Network](#)

Required\*

#### Week 6

Please complete:

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

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

[Getting Started with Google Kubernetes Engine](#)

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

★ [Set Up a Google Cloud Network](#)

Required\*

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

Required\*

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

**Build exam readiness.** Revise materials and session recordings.

**Claim your exam voucher and book the exam!\***

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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](mailto: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

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Program asset	Access via	Content	Link
Online Community via <b>Google Groups</b>	Google Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weekly updates according to learning plans</li><li>• Trainer's support on technical questions</li><li>• Cohort coordinator's support for program questions</li><li>• Additional information about program-related events, news, features etc.</li></ul>	 
Program Folder via <b>Google Drive</b>	Google Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning plan</li><li>• Session's decks</li><li>• Recordings</li><li>• Other materials</li></ul>	 
On demand training and Hands-on practice via <b>Google Skills</b>	Email address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>	 
<b>Google Form</b>	Google Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To grant the access to Google Groups and Google Drive.</li></ul>	