

create your future



DEVELOP SKILLS REQUIRED BY COLLEGES AND FOR CAREERS

The Microsoft IT Academy Program offers technology skills development that can help you throughout your education and in your career.

"One thing that you know absolutely with Microsoft Certification is that you have street cred."

*Genevieve L'Esperance
Student
Montreal, Canada*

More than 50% of today's jobs require some technology skills, and experts say that number will increase to 77% over the next decade.¹

The Microsoft IT Academy Program is designed to prepare you for the future by building your expertise in today's most popular technologies. Start with the Microsoft Office suite of programs like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Explore new products like Windows 8.1. Dive into the Cloud and Office 365. Discover various IT careers, or create games and mobile applications.

Because the IT industry continues to thrive, there is a global need for people highly skilled in Microsoft technologies. Our quality Microsoft IT Academy curriculum can help you gain the skills and experience you need to succeed in college and in a promising career.

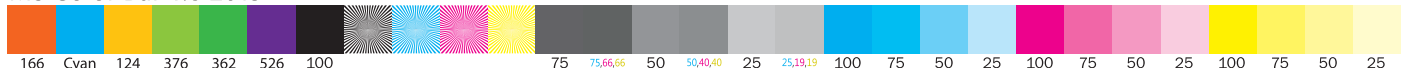
GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE WITH MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY

The Microsoft IT Academy Program offers classroom and online learning, hands-on labs, and access to hundreds of courses, books, and cutting-edge resources. Other program benefits include:

Microsoft Certification

The Microsoft IT Academy Program is designed to help you prepare for Microsoft Certification. Certification can help you earn college credits and enhance your resume with credentials that are recognized by employers around the world. In fact, certified professionals report earning a 5.4% higher average salary than their non-certified peers². Learn more at: www.microsoft.com/learning/certification

¹ US Bureau of Labor Statistics
² Global Knowledge, IT Skills and Salary Survey, Mar 2011





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"Certification helps me differentiate myself from the other people that are applying for jobs."

Steve Markovitch
Student,
Detroit, Michigan

Get College Credit

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