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Series**



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Greetings, fellow seeker of truth! We've had a vision: you, embarking on a search for knowledge through a mystical realm—and gaining the magical wisdom and power to defeat any foe and vanquish any challenge that crosses your path. Come, now, and let your adventure begin.

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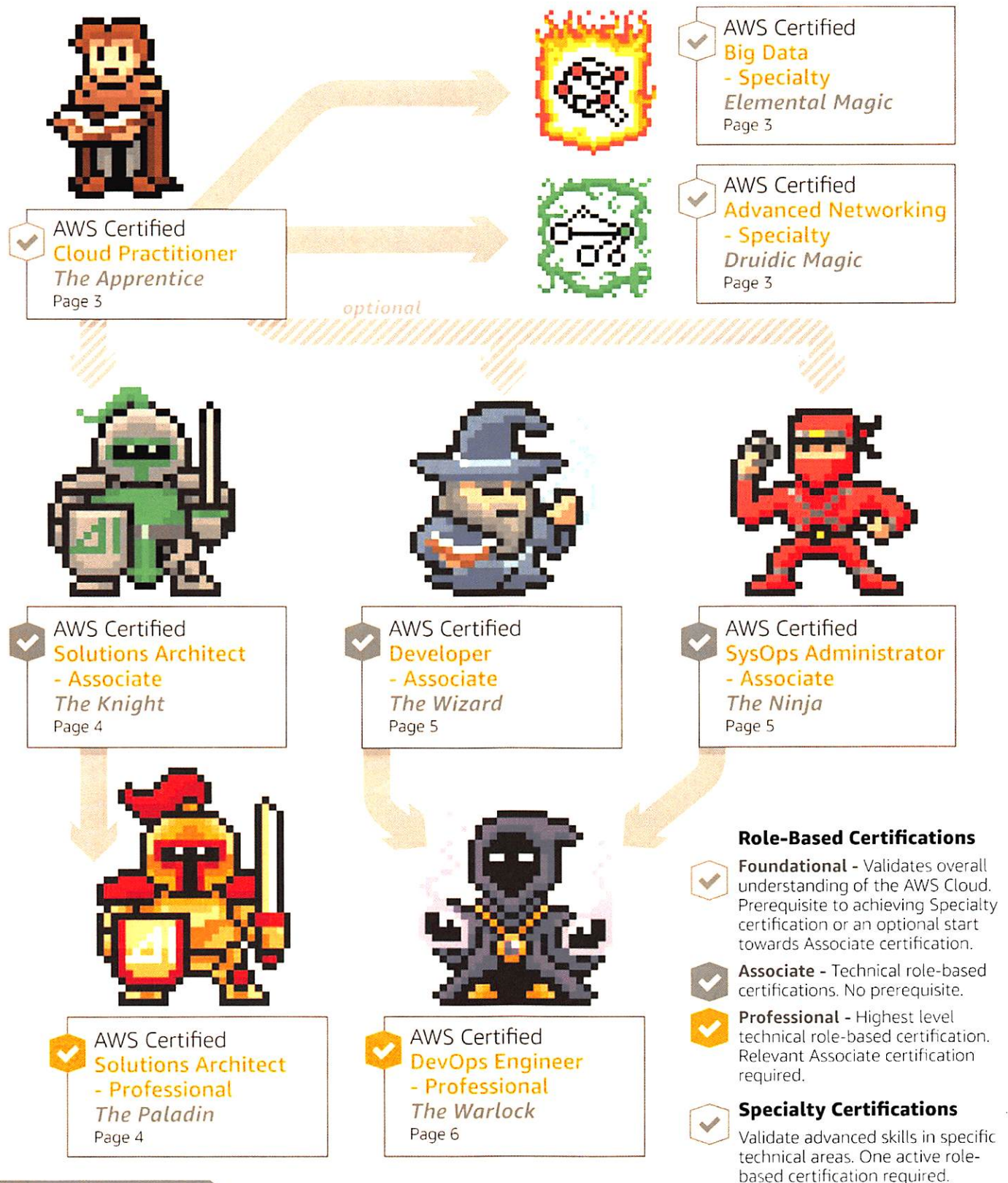
**Want to be a cloud expert?
First, get the ESSENTIALS**

Prepare for the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner exam with the free **AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials** course, part of our free digital training offerings.

This online course gives you the flexibility to learn AWS fundamentals and prepare for the exam at your own pace. It's one more way for you to advance your cloud career on your own terms.

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Character Role Progression Chart





AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner

The Apprentice

Prerequisite: None



- 1 **AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials**
Digital | 6 hours
- 2 **Self-Paced Resources**
 - Exam Guide
 - Whitepapers
 - Sample Questions
 - AWS FAQs
- 3 **Practice Exam**
- 4 **AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner Exam**



Hear ye, hungry minds with a curiosity for the cloud: the path of the Apprentice awaits! As students of spells, aspiring sorcerers and sorceresses will delve into sacred texts and scrolls, glean knowledge to navigate the cloud realm—and gain the potential to wield even more specialized magic...

The AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner exam enables individuals with an overall understanding of the AWS Cloud to validate their knowledge with an industry-recognized credential. This exam covers four domains: cloud concepts, security, technology, and billing and pricing. It is designed for individuals in technical, managerial, sales, purchasing, or financial roles. We recommend candidates have at least six months of AWS Cloud experience or equivalent training.

Get started at:

aws.amazon.com/certification/certified-cloud-practitioner

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner is an entry point to pursuing Specialty certification! It is also great preparation before attempting an Associate exam, but it's not a requirement.



Specialty Certifications

Magical Alignments

Prerequisite: One active role-based certification



AWS Certified Big Data - Specialty
Elemental Magic

Apprentices and non-Apprentices alike may seek to hone their abilities in the ways of Elemental Magic. Brandish this power to break reality down into its core elements—earth, wind, water, and fire—and then reveal the hidden wisdom lying deep within them.

The AWS Certified Big Data – Specialty exam validates technical skills and experience in designing and implementing AWS services to derive value from data. The exam is for individuals who perform complex Big Data analyses. We recommend you have at least five years of hands-on data analytics experience.

Get started at:

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AWS Certified Advanced Networking - Specialty
Druidic Magic

Intrepid students may elect to master the nuances of Druidic Magic. This ability merges the mind and soul with the life force energy that surrounds us. Vine, vole, nightshade, and newt: all may be controlled by Druidic Magic's connection to the essences of nature.

The AWS Certified Advanced Networking – Specialty exam validates advanced technical skills and experience in designing and implementing AWS and hybrid IT network architectures at scale. We recommend you have at least five years of experience architecting and implementing network solutions.

Get started at:

aws.amazon.com/certification/certified-advanced-networking-specialty



AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate

The Knight

Prerequisite: None (Optional:
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner)



Loyal to the cloud realm and those who rule it, the brave Knight is the reliable foot soldier on the front lines of every battle. He or she wields a sword and shield with thoughtfulness and precision—and harbors an unflagging strength that ensures the protection of the realm.

The AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate exam is intended for individuals with experience designing and deploying distributed applications and systems on AWS. Before taking the exam, we recommend one or more years of hands-on experience designing and deploying scalable, highly available, and fault tolerant systems on AWS.



Get started at:
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certified-solutions-architect-associate](https://aws.amazon.com/certification/certified-solutions-architect-associate)

- level 1**
 - AWS Technical Essentials
Instructor-Led | 1 day
OR AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials | Digital | 6 hours
- level 2**
 - Architecting on AWS
Instructor-Led | 3 days
- level 3**
 - Self-Paced Resources
 - Exam Guide
 - Whitepapers
 - Sample Questions
 - AWS FAQs
 - Practice Exam
- level 4**
 - AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate Exam
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 - Official Exam Study Guide
 - Exam Prep Workshop
Instructor-Led | 4 hours



AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Professional

The Paladin

Prerequisite: AWS Certified
Solutions Architect - Associate



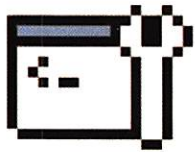
Vast in experience and elite in skill, the Paladin is the right-hand warrior charged with protecting the cloud realm royalty. They are no mere sentry: from defending the castle to roaming the battlefield, the Paladin's defensive prowess empowers them to defeat any foe.

The AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Professional exam validates advanced technical skills and experience in designing distributed applications and systems on AWS. Before taking this exam, we recommend two or more years of experience designing and deploying cloud architecture on AWS.



Get started at:
[aws.amazon.com/certification/certified
-solutions-architect-professional](https://aws.amazon.com/certification/certified-solutions-architect-professional)

- level 1**
 - Advanced Architecting on AWS
Instructor-Led | 3 days
- level 2**
 - Self-Paced Resources
 - Exam Guide
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 - Practice Exam
- level 3**
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 - Exam Prep Workshop
Instructor-Led | 1 day



AWS Certified Developer - Associate

The Wizard

Prerequisite: None (Optional:
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner)



- level 1**
 - **AWS Technical Essentials**
Instructor-Led | 1 day
OR AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials | Digital | 6 hours
- level 2**
 - **Developing on AWS**
Instructor-Led | 3 days
- level 3**
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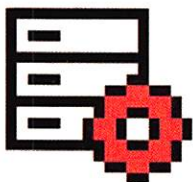


Whether waving a wand or picking the proper potion, the studious Wizard channels his or her arcane learnings into transformative cloud magic. With a firm grasp on the delicate nuances of spell casting, they carefully weave their words to powerful effect. The Wizard understands that knowledge, truly, is power.

The AWS Certified Developer – Associate exam validates technical expertise in developing and maintaining applications on AWS. Before taking the exam, we recommend one or more years of hands-on experience designing and maintaining an AWS-based application.

Get started at:

aws.amazon.com/certification/certified-developer-associate



AWS Certified SysOps Administrator - Associate

The Ninja

Prerequisite: None (Optional:
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner)



- level 1**
 - **AWS Technical Essentials**
Instructor-Led | 1 day
OR AWS Cloud Practitioner Essentials | Digital | 6 hours
- level 2**
 - **Operations on AWS**
Instructor-Led | 3 days
- level 3**
 - **Self-Paced Resources**
 - Exam Guide - Whitepapers
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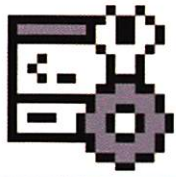


Virtually invisible, the prestigious Ninja keeps order while keeping out of sight. Through rigorous training, he or she executes unknowable feats of stealth and agility that the cloud realm depends on. Nothing gets past them—though they can certainly get past you. Operating from the shadows, they are everywhere and nowhere all at once.

The AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate exam validates technical expertise in deployment, management, and operations on AWS. Before taking this exam, we recommend one or more years of hands-on experience operating AWS-based applications.

Get started at:

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AWS Certified DevOps Engineer - Professional

The Warlock



Prerequisite: AWS Certified Developer - Associate
OR AWS Certified SysOps Administrator - Associate

In the shadows of the cloud realm, the formidable Warlock truly reigns—for he or she possesses the power of many within the form of one. From their underground sanctum, this caretaker holds silent dominion over all, from the tiniest insect to the tallest mountain. Fear not, for order is their goal... and awesome is their magical might.

The AWS Certified DevOps Engineer – Professional exam validates technical expertise in provisioning, operating, and managing continuous delivery systems on AWS. You must also demonstrate an understanding of monitoring, metrics, and logging systems on AWS, security automation, and compliance validation. Before taking this exam, we recommend two or more years of relevant experience in AWS environments.



Get started at:

aws.amazon.com/certification/certified-devops-engineer-professional

Level 1

DevOps Engineering on AWS
Instructor-Led | 3 days

Level 2

Self-Paced Resources
- Exam Guide - Whitepapers
- Sample Questions - AWS FAQs

Practice Exam

Level 3

AWS Certified DevOps Engineering - Professional Exam



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Discover digital training options, role-based learning paths, exam prep resources, AWS Certification benefits, and more. From Apprentice (AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner) to Warlock (AWS Certified DevOps Engineer - Professional), there's an AWS Training and Certification path for everyone to level up their AWS Cloud skills.



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