

Google Cloud Career Launchpad

Getting Started Guide for Learners

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Congratulations on taking the first step toward getting Google Cloud credentials and preparing yourself for a career in cloud. This *Getting Started Guide* provides you with everything you need to accept your program invitation via Google Cloud Skills Boost and start your learning journey.

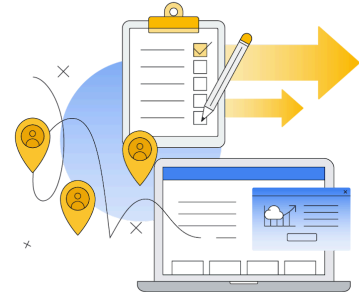


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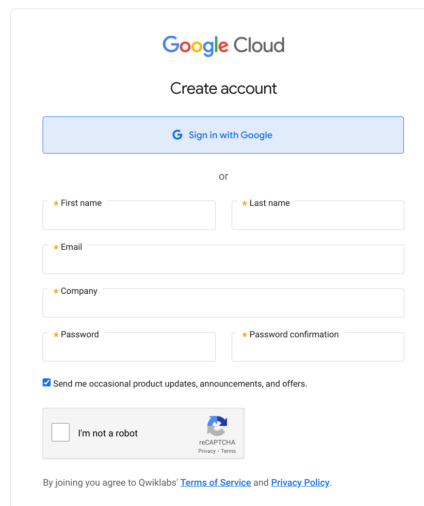
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Getting Started

Signing up for your Google Cloud Skills Boost account

1. Before you can be invited to your Google Cloud Career Launchpad group cohort, you will need a free Google Cloud Skills Boost account. If you don't have an account, [create an account](#) and fill in the required fields.

Tip: You'll need to sign up with the university or organization email account with which you'll be invited to the program.



The screenshot shows the 'Create account' page for Google Cloud. At the top is the Google Cloud logo. Below it is the text 'Create account'. There is a blue button labeled 'Sign in with Google'. Below this is the word 'or'. There are several input fields: 'First name', 'Last name', 'Email', 'Company', 'Password', and 'Password confirmation'. Below the password fields is a checkbox labeled 'Send me occasional product updates, announcements, and offers.' which is checked. At the bottom left is a checkbox labeled 'I'm not a robot'. To its right is a reCAPTCHA logo. At the very bottom, there is a line of small text: 'By joining you agree to Qwiklabs' [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#)'.

2. You will automatically be sent a verification email. Click the button in the verification email, and you'll be prompted to log in to Google Cloud Skills Boost.

Subject: Welcome to Google Cloud Skills Boost



Confirm your email address on Google Cloud Skills Boost

Hello! We need to verify that is your email address. Tap the button below to confirm:



Didn't request this email?

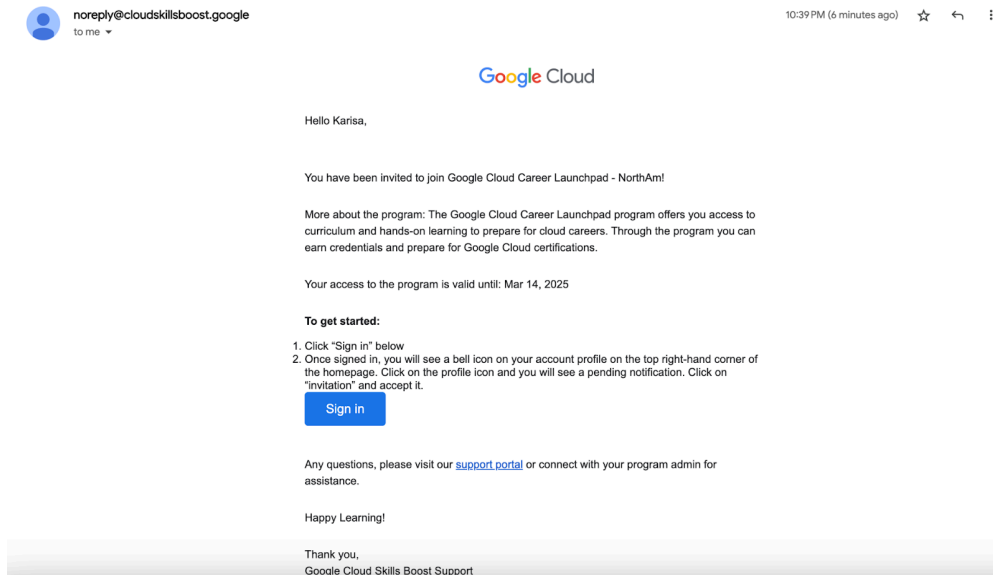
No worries! Your address may have been entered by mistake. If you ignore or delete this email, nothing further will happen.

Thank you,
Google Cloud Skills Boost Support

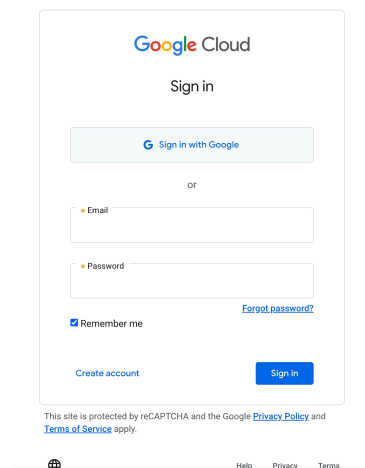
3. You are now signed into Google Cloud Skills Boost.

Accept invitation and log in

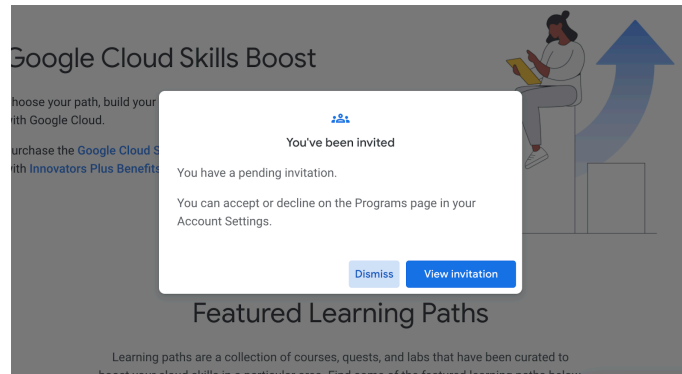
1. You will receive an email from Google Cloud Skills Boost (noreply@cloudskillsboost.com) notifying you that you have been invited to join a Google Cloud Career Launchpad cohort. The email subject will be: “*Your invitation to join Google Cloud Career Launchpad*”



2. From that email, click “**Sign In**”. (If you can’t find the email you can visit [this link](#) to get to the same place).
3. You’ll be redirected to the Google Cloud Skills Boost login page to sign in.



- You are now signed into **Google Cloud Skills Boost**. You will see a pop-up alerting you that you've been invited to a program. Click on **"View invitation"** and you will automatically be redirected to the *Account settings* page.



- Click **"Accept Invitation"** to be added to your group.

Programs

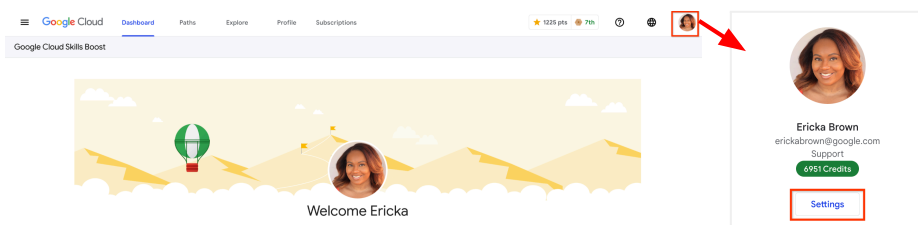
You've been invited to the following program. Please note, by accepting an invitation you grant permission to program administrators to view your learning activity on Google Cloud Skills Boost.

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Member

Accept invitation

Decline invitation

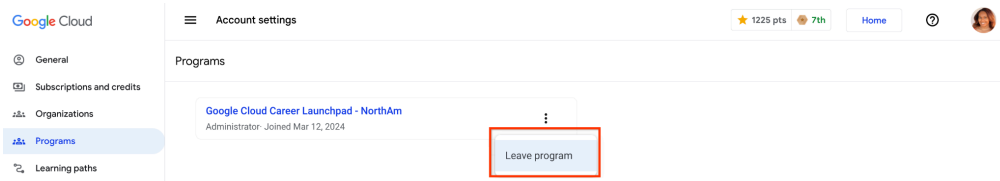
**Tip: If you accidentally clicked "Dismiss" on the invitation pop-up, you can still access the invitation. Navigate to the top right-hand corner and click on your Account Profile icon. Click "Settings" and then click on the "Programs" tab (located on the left side of your Account Settings page.)*



**Tip: If you accidentally clicked "Decline invitation" on the Account Settings page, please contact your Group Admin (the person who sent you the initial invitation) and ask them to re-send the invite.*

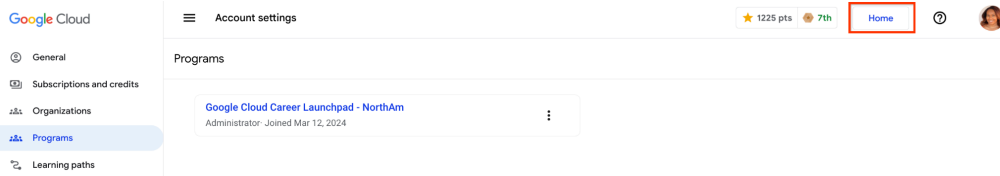
- You'll now see the Google Cloud Career Launchpad program in the **Programs** tab under Settings.

*Note that you can opt to leave the program at any time by clicking the three dots and selecting **"Leave Program"**. You will no longer have access to the program or learning content. Your Program Administrator will need to re-invite you to gain access.*

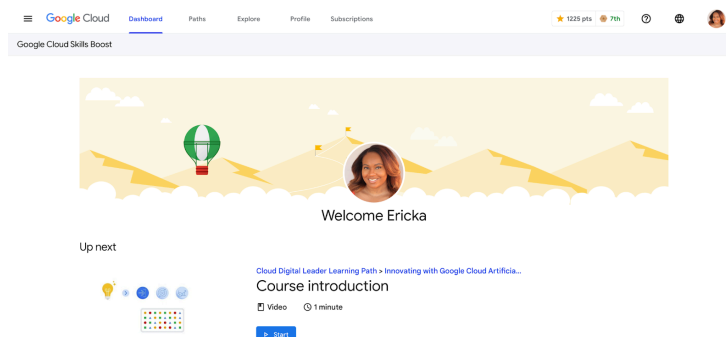


Access & Enroll in your Learning Path(s)

- Once you've accepted the invitation, click the **"Home"** button in the upper right. For all future visits to Google Cloud Skills Boost, you'll be taken directly to your home page.

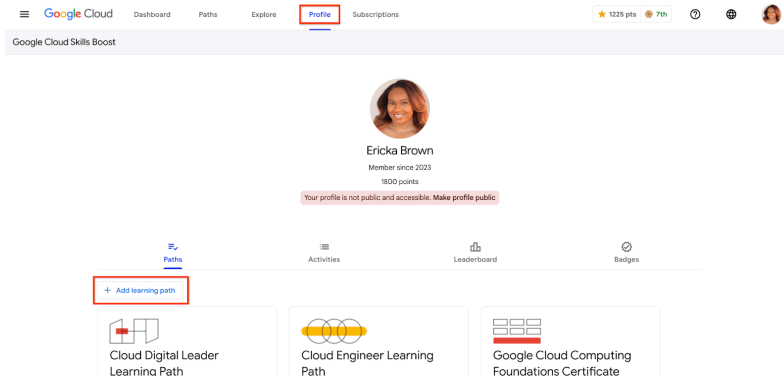


- On your welcome home page, you'll see the following splash screen inviting you to learn.



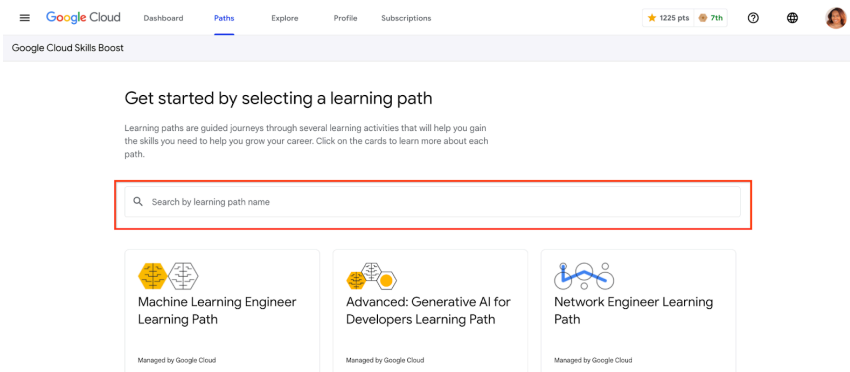
- To add yourself to a Learning Path, use the top navigation to access your **"Profile"** and click **"+ Add learning path"**.

Tip: *If more than one Learning Path is included in your program, be sure to check with your Administrator (i.e., your professor, instructor, or facilitator who invited you to the program) for guidance on which path to enroll.*



4. Search for the assigned **Certificate or Learning path only** :

- **For ACE - Select** → Google Cloud Engineering Certificate.
- **For GCCF - Select** → Google Cloud Computing Foundations Certificate
- **For CYBER - Select** → Google Cloud Cybersecurity Certificate
- **For DA - Select** → Google Cloud Data Analytics Certificate
- **For CDL - Select** → Cloud Digital Leader Learning Path
- **For GenAI - Select** → Beginner: Introduction to Generative AI Learning Path, Intermediate: Gemini for Google Cloud Learning Path, and Advanced: Generative AI for Developers Learning Path



5. Select the **Learning Path tile** in which you've been instructed to enroll and click on **"Start learning path"**. The course will begin.

Tip: You can click *"Course overview"* in the left hand panel to explore an overview of the learning path.

Share your credentials

Make your Google Cloud Skills Boost profile public

Now that you're earning Google Cloud completion badges and skill badge credentials, you'll want to [make your Google Cloud Skills Boost profile public](#). Don't worry, you can always make it private again if you change your mind.

Your Program Administrator (the person who invited you to the program) will be able to monitor progress and completions as well.

Claim your Cloud Certificates and Skill Badge credentials on Credly and share on your resume & social channels

Upon completion, [claim](#) your Google Cloud Certificate or skill badge digital badge!

IMPORTANT: Make sure to use the same email address that you use to log into Google Cloud Skills Boost so that we can quickly confirm that you completed the certificate.

Set up your Credly account to [personalize your profile](#) and consider [turning on the ability](#) to be contacted about job opportunities.

Share your accomplishment with your network!

Once claimed, you can [share your digital badge](#) on LinkedIn and other social networks to capture the attention of potential employers. #GoogleCloudReady, #GoogleCloudCertificate

Pursue a Google Cloud Certification

The Cloud Digital Leader and Google Cloud Engineering Certificate learning paths are designed to help prepare you for the respective Google Cloud Certifications. As a Google Cloud Career Launchpad program participant, you're eligible for a 50% discounted exam voucher when you complete the entire learning path.

Once you've completed the eligibility requirements (see below), complete [this Request Form](#) for confirmation. Once approved, you will receive a voucher for a 50% discount on the certification exam with instructions on how to register.

Eligibility requirements

1. You must be a member of a Google Cloud Career Launchpad cohort.
2. You must complete the following:
 - For the [Cloud Digital Leader certification](#)
 - [Cloud Digital Leader Learning Path](#) (6 course completion badges)
 - For the [Associate Cloud Engineer certification](#)
 - Google Cloud Engineering Certificate Learning Path (6 course completion badges + 4 skill badges)
3. Your Google Cloud Skills Boost [profile is made public](#) (required for completion confirmation)

Additional Certification preparation

While the learning paths help prepare you for the certification exam, there is additional exam preparation recommended. Check these additional resources for your respective exam.

[ACE Certification Student Prep Journey](#)

[CDL Certification Student Prep Journey](#)

Support

How to contact Support

Help Center

As a first step, check out the [Qwiklabs Help Center](#) for troubleshooting guidance and FAQs. If you're unable to resolve your issue independently, please contact our Support team.

Email Support

Email Support at support@qwiklabs.com

Subject line: "EDU CL: Need Help"

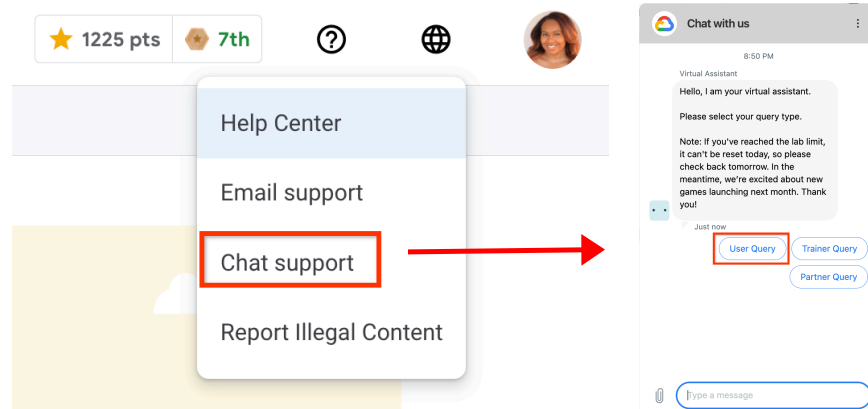
- Provide the following details in the message body:
 - Your institution or organization name
 - Career Launchpad track name

- The issue you are facing
- Support staff will provide assistance to help resolve the issue.

Chat Support

Chat with Support at www.cloudskillsboost.google

Click the “?” icon at the top right and select Chat Support.



- Enter your Name and Email (as previously registered on Google Cloud Skills Boost)
- For Department, select “Google Cloud Edu Program”
- In the Message field, type “EDU CL: Need Help” and click on the Start Chat button

Support staff will provide assistance to help resolve the issue.