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Autodesk® Certification Program for Secondary Schools Frequently Asked Questions

New Autodesk® Certification Program for Secondary Schools in North America

What is the new Autodesk Certification Program for secondary schools in North America?

Autodesk Education is developing a new certification offering that meets the requirements of secondary schools. This new offering aligns with both industry and existing offerings for industry professionals. This allows students to begin their design careers with Autodesk Certification in secondary school and then move forward with additional levels of certification as they attend college and begin working in their design careers.

What certification exams will be available with this new program?

Our initial offerings will be AutoCAD and Autodesk Inventor which includes the actual certification exam as well as practice tests that are designed to prepare students to pass the final exam. We are planning an offering for Autodesk Revit Architecture early next year.

When will the new exams be available?

The first two offerings, AutoCAD and Inventor, will be available for purchase and use at secondary schools in December of 2010. Revit Architecture will be available for second semester testing in 2011. This includes both the final exam and the practice test.

Are the new exams based on a specific release of AutoCAD or Inventor?

The new exams are **NOT** based on a specific release, but instead are based on a series of fundamental tasks that are **NOT** release specific. You will not need to order exams of a specific release to match the software release in your lab.

What will the new exams be like?

The new exams will be different than any exams Autodesk has offered to date. The exams will be based on a mixture of multiple choice type items along with simulation type items that ask students to perform a series of tasks on an interface that simulates the Autodesk software application. The exams will be about 45 - 50 minutes in length. The practice test will offer similar item types so that students can become familiar with the same type of testing they will experience on the final exam.

The interface of the software simulations will be based on the "ribbon" interface. So students will need to learn how to use the ribbon interface to successfully pass these exams. If you do not have software with the ribbon interface, you should consider upgrading your software. Students will also be exposed to the ribbon during use of the practice tests. The optimal method for preparation however, will be use of the application with the ribbon interface.

For information on upgrading your Autodesk software, contact your Autodesk Value Added Reseller at <http://www.autodesk.com/avar>.



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How will the exams be delivered?

Autodesk Education has selected Certipoint as the vendor for certification for secondary schools. Thousands of academic institutions around the world are currently set up to administer Certipoint certification exams. With the launch of the Autodesk certification program, educators and students can take the exams at one of these centers or become a center themselves.

If schools or districts want to run exams onsite, they can easily become a testing center and run the exams seamlessly in class. Institutions can sign up to be centers on the Certipoint site: www.certipoint.com. On the website, institutions designate an administrator who will manage getting the exams and a proctor who will be present to moderate when candidates are taking the exam. Once online sign-up is complete, the institution will receive a welcome information packet from Certipoint.

Are these offerings available outside North America?

Are they available to other types of schools?

These offerings are currently limited to secondary schools in North America as we develop the program. Together with Certipoint, we will evaluate expanding these offering to other types of schools (vo-tech, community colleges) and other geographies next year.

How will schools order tests? What will they cost?

Certipoint has purchase options that fit both small and large schools. These options include yearly site license fees as well as purchases of smaller amounts of tests. These details will be announced in October as the program is launched by Certipoint. Schools will continue to purchase through their Autodesk Value Added Reseller (AVAR) as they do now.

The suggested student price for an Autodesk exam is **\$65** and the commercial suggested retail price is **\$80**. Testing Centers are free to set their own end-user prices so candidates can shop and compare. To find a Certipoint Testing Center near you, visit Certipoint.com/centerlocator.

Institutions can purchase an ACA Classroom or Campus Site License that includes unlimited use of the Autodesk certification exams with an upfront, one-time annual cost. The license includes unlimited use of the AutoCAD and Inventor certifications including practice exams to prepare your students and staff.

What do students receive when they become certified?

When students earn an Autodesk Certification, their certification will be available online using their Certipoint test candidate ID to view. They are able to forward an electronic version to their peers or employers or print a copy for their records.

What happens if students do not pass?

If students do not pass, they can re-take the exam subject to the terms of purchase they have made with Certipoint.

What materials will be available for preparation?

Autodesk Education will produce and make available on the Certipoint website study packets that teachers can use to prepare their students. These study packets will include detailed information on what to expect on the test, the objectives and skills tested as well as a list of available supplemental materials teachers may consider purchasing for preparation.

Will Autodesk continue to produce and sell Autodesk Official Training Guides?

During 2009, Autodesk Education made the decision to partner with Wiley Publishing to produce the Autodesk Office Training Guides that help professionals prepare for certification. These guides are now called the **"Mastering"** series and are available in bookstores and online bookstores or directly from your AVAR. While there is no longer a one to one match on objectives to the guides, these comprehensive Mastering Guides do cover all of the objectives tested by the new exams.

Schools can purchase these guides from their AVARs.

How do become a Certipoint Testing Center?

If you are interested in becoming an exam provider and purchase tests directly from Certipoint at a discounted rate, please contact a Certipoint Representative at 1-800-933-4493 or email autodeskinfo@certipoint.com.



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What if my school is not offering certification directly, can I still take a certification exam?

You can take the exam at any Autodesk Authorized Certification Center. To purchase a certification exam at the student price, go to <http://autodesk.starttest.com> and select **"Purchase as Student"**. You can then purchase and schedule your testing at a certification center directly.

Is there an Instructor Training or Certification Program?

These offerings are currently limited to secondary schools in North America as we develop the program. Together with Certiport, we will evaluate expanding these offerings to other types of schools (vo-tech, community colleges) and other geographies next year.

I am an existing Certification Center on the Autodesk Online System. What should I do?

Certiport will be contacting existing certification centers at secondary schools to migrate them to the new program and system. There is no need to contact Autodesk or Certiport in advance.

When can I expect to hear from Certiport?

Certiport will be contacting schools who have been delivering tests on the Autodesk Online system in November.

What can I do with the inventory that is remaining in my Autodesk Online testing account?

Schools can continue to deliver the exams remaining in their account. There are no refunds for those tests.

We are not currently a testing center but we are interested. What should we do?

Your Autodesk Value Added Reseller will be your contact for this program. Since the program is not ready yet, please wait to contact your AVAR in November. **You can find the AVAR for your area by going to <http://www.autodesk.com/avar>.**

Additionally you can contact Certiport direct at autodeskinfo@certiport.com or learn more at www.certiport.com/autodesk

