

## Louisiana Department of Education and Certiport Announcement

As you may be aware, the Louisiana Department of Education and Certiport have been working feverishly on a joint partnership that will bring industry recognized certification programs to your participating schools. These programs will validate skill sets and prepare students both for success in the classroom and the ever increasing digital workforce. Today we are pleased to provide additional information around two important components of this statewide certification adoption.

1. The Microsoft Office Specialist Practice Test (Certiprep) is now available for all participating schools at no cost in preparation for the MOS certification exam. The fulfillment of the practice test license requires that your school be registered as a Certiport Testing Center and will be sent to each school at the direction of the LDOE.
2. As discussed previously, all other Certiport certification programs (other than MOS - as described below) are available for purchase at the negotiated discount price in association with the LDOE contract. **Be reminded that this price point will only be available through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

The following programs will be available at the LDOE discount (discount price noted below) through October 31, 2012:



Becoming certified with Adobe Certified Associate validates entry-level skills needed to plan, design, build, and maintain effective communications by using different forms of digital media. Certifications can be earned in Flash, Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Premier Pro. Site license with unlimited exams and practice tests for **\$1428.75**



An Autodesk Certified User certification validates design, architecture, drafting and design skills using AutoCad or Autodesk Inventor and soon 3ds Max and Revit. Site License with unlimited exams and practice test for **\$1428.75**



QuickBooks is the most widely used accounting software for small business and a QuickBooks certification validates essential knowledge for an entry-level accounting career. Becoming an Intuit QuickBooks Certified User signifies a certificate holder has the knowledge and skills to help manage the books effectively using QuickBooks software. Site license with 500 exams and practice tests for **\$1428.75**



IC3 validates the student has a foundation of knowledge needed to succeed in environments that require the use of computers and the Internet. In an increasingly digital world, IC3 certification helps students refine their knowledge in the most important and valuable areas needed as they proceed within their academic and workforce pathways. Site license with 1500 exams and practice tests for **\$1428.75**



Candidates use this exam to demonstrate their grasp of the basic IT knowledge and application. Successful completion can put the holder in a better position to work with IT professionals, heighten comfort levels, and prepare for advancement in further IT education and training. Now thru Oct 31, 2012 Site license 100 exams for **\$1500.00**



Based on high demand industry career tracks and designed by Microsoft Learning experts and professional educators, Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) helps schools teach and validate fundamental technology knowledge, providing students with the confidence to succeed with more advanced studies and a solid foundation for their IT or Developer careers. Site license 500 exams for **\$1462.50**



The HP ATA certification delivers the industry's first architect-level certification designed for academia. It validates real-world skills and prepares students for employment in small and medium business environments. Site license 350 exams, 350 e-books and practice exam for **\$2797.50**

To learn more about these programs, you may visit [www.certiport.com](http://www.certiport.com) and click on the appropriate program. For purchasing or to discuss the benefits of each of the programs, please contact your Certiport representatives.

Certification Program	Certiport Representative	Contact Information
Microsoft MOS, IC <sup>3</sup> , CompTIA Strata	Chris Yandow	888-999-9830 x185
Adobe, Quickbooks, Autodesk	Mindy Howa	888-999-9830 x164
Microsoft MTA, HP	Kelly Smith	888-999-9830 x159

The test prep software, Certiprep, is a powerful tool that allows the student to become familiar with the testing environment as well as for you as an educator to identify possible gaps in skillsets that can be reviewed prior to the certification exam. It is important to note that you can gain access to your MOS practice test license upon the deployment of the IQSystem (testing engine). Certiport will begin communications this week to the CTE Directors and IT Directors to ensure your labs are set up properly to run the Microsoft Office test prep.