

AUTODESK ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions and Answers about Autodesk® Academic Certification

What is the Autodesk Academic Certification Program?

The Autodesk Certification program enables students to earn a credential in recognition of their knowledge of specific Autodesk software applications. In support of this program, Autodesk provides an end-to-end certification solution; assessment testing, Autodesk Official Training Guides for reviewing the knowledge and skills covered on the certification exams and Certification exams for validating knowledge and skills. The Academic Certification program provides the same level of certification that professionals in the market earn, but at an affordable academic price for students.

Who should attempt Certification?

Certification credentials are for anyone seeking to validate their knowledge of Autodesk software. The design and visualization industries are competitive environments, where only the best stand out. Any student or teacher who uses Autodesk software can benefit from the program by validating their skills and knowledge with an official certification from Autodesk.

Where is Autodesk Academic Certification Available?

Academic Certification is available only in North America at this time.

How does Academic Certification differ from Professional Certification?

The Certification exams are the same for both professionals and students. The only difference is the cost. The students and teachers are eligible for an academic discount which is validated by their student ID.

Why should students be interested in Academic Certification?

The Autodesk Certification program gives students the opportunity to validate the knowledge and skills required to use Autodesk products by obtaining certification in an Autodesk software application. Students will be able to demonstrate their software skills and gain a competitive edge in their academic and professional careers. They can also leverage the Autodesk brand by using the certification logo and certificate they will earn.

What do students receive when they become certified?

When students earn Autodesk Certification they obtain the right to use the official Autodesk Certified logo in marketing their Autodesk skills on business cards, websites, Résumés. They also have access to an electronic Certificate, and if they choose, they may request your certification results be available in the Certified Professionals database for employers to search for jobs or to verify certifications.

What happens if students do not pass?

If students do not pass, they will receive a diagnostic score report that indicates areas for improvement. They may then retake the examination up to three times a year. If they do not pass after three attempts, they must wait until one year has passed from the first attempt before retaking an examination. Full payment is required for re-tests.

Once granted, does certification last forever?

Certification is version specific. Although certification for a particular version of an application never expires, certification is not considered current unless you have passed the latest recertification examination, and the full examination for the prior release.

Can students update their Certification from one version to another?

Yes they can. Please review the Certification Exam Guides for more information on how to update a Certification. They can be found at <http://www.autodesk.com/certification>.

Can my school become a testing center to offer tests to our students?

Yes, schools can become testing centers. For more information on the process please contact your local Autodesk Value Added Reseller (AVAR). To find the reseller nearest you, go to www.autodesk.com/avar.

What tests are available and how can I order the tests or courseware for my students?

Autodesk Certification exams and Autodesk Official Training Courseware are available for AutoCAD, AutoCAD Architecture, Autodesk Revit Architecture, Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk Civil 3D, and 3ds Max Design. For more information on the levels of certification, go to www.autodesk.com/certification and review the Exam Guide.

To purchase certification and courseware, please contact your local Autodesk Value Added Reseller (AVAR). To find the reseller nearest you, go to www.autodesk.com/avar.

If you are a student, you can purchase the courseware directly from the Autodesk Store at <http://store.autodesk.com>.

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 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.

How can I prepare for the certification exams?

For information on how to prepare for certification exams, including the names of the preparation guides, please download the Exam Guide for the tests you will be taking. They can be found at <http://www.autodesk.com/certification>. These guides will help guide you through the testing process and are available for no charge.

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Are exams available for past software versions?

Exams are available for the both 2009 and 2010 product offerings. The list of available exams can be found at <http://www.autodesk.com/certification>.

What are the software and hardware testing requirements to offer certification testing?

As a testing center you will be required to have the following:

- **Browser:** Microsoft Internet ExplorerV5 or better
- **Operating System:** MS Windows, XP or NT or Vista
- **Internet Connection:** Broadband connection (DSL, Cable, or T1) recommended
- **17 inch or better monitor**

What are the benefits of Academic Certification?

The program benefits for Schools are:

- Provides professional-level exams at an affordable academic price.
- Exams are web based and easy to implement.
- The final result is the same credential earned by working professionals.
- Certification exam objectives map to select national standards.
- Assessment exams and Autodesk Official Training Guides are available for certification preparation.
- Free certification tests for teachers at your school if you meet the requirements and become a certification center.

The program benefits for Students are:

- Provides professional-level exams at an affordable academic price.
- The final result is the same credential earned by working professionals.
- Students can differentiate themselves in a competitive job market.
- Students can add value to their resume and leverage the Autodesk brand.
- Assessment exams and Autodesk Official Training Guide are available for preparation.
- Score report maps back to lessons in training guides so students can review missed areas.

What if I have more questions?

Questions can be sent to certification@autodesk.com.

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