

# Prepare your students. Validate their knowledge.



Design plays an important part in many careers. Whatever career paths your students choose, certified Autodesk® software expertise can give them a valuable head start.

The Autodesk Academic certification program enables students to earn a credential that recognizes their knowledge of specific Autodesk software applications. Students can demonstrate their software skills and gain a competitive edge in their academic and professional careers. Institutions benefit by being able to provide a powerful method to effectively measure student competencies.

This comprehensive program for secondary and postsecondary students provides professional-level exams at an affordable academic price. The program also provides student-oriented convenience by letting them take examinations at a local school. The result: the same credential earned by working professionals.

In addition, Autodesk Academic certification exams support career pathways in architecture and construction; manufacturing; and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The exam objectives align to national academic standards for science, technological literacy, mathematics, and language arts.

## 2009 Certification Exams Include

AutoCAD®  
AutoCAD® Architecture  
Revit® Architecture  
AutoCAD® Civil 3D®  
Autodesk® Inventor®

Easy-to-implement Autodesk certification exams are delivered online in your classroom using the Autodesk Online Testing System. There are no fees to become an Autodesk Certification Center.

## Assessment Tests

**Validate your students' knowledge of the current product release.** How well do your students know an Autodesk application? An Autodesk Assessment Test is an online examination that assesses their knowledge of the tools, features, and common tasks in a specific Autodesk application. Available 24/7 through the web, these exams can help students assess their readiness for certification.



## Program Benefits

- Students can take professional-level exams at affordable academic pricing.
- Students earn the same credential as working professionals and can leverage the Autodesk brand with use of the certification logo, differentiating themselves in a competitive job market.
- Professional-level exams can be delivered online from your location.
- Exams use the same Autodesk application to test what students have been learning in class.
- Assessment tests, AOTC guides, and comprehensive exam guides are available for classroom support and preparation.
- Certification exam objectives support several career pathways and align to national academic standards for STEM and language arts.
- Certification exams are available free to teachers employed by an Autodesk Certification Center.

## Autodesk Official Training Courseware

### Use courseware for certification preparation.

Autodesk Official Training Courseware (AOTC) and the comprehensive exam guides enable students to review the knowledge and skills covered in a specific certification exam. Each book includes lessons covering the main sections of the examination as well as exercises for most of the performance tasks students will be required to complete during the examination.

## Associate, Professional, Expert Certification Exams

**Validate students' core knowledge of an Autodesk application.** The Certified Associate exam consists of 30 items that validate a user's knowledge and skills in the basic functionality of the application. The Associate exam is a first-level exam, well suited for secondary students, and does not require the use of the Autodesk application during the exam.

The performance-based Certified Professional exam validates a user's knowledge and skills in the basic functionality of the application. The exam requires use of the software during the exam and is well suited for postsecondary students.

The Certified Expert exam is a performance and job skills-based exam that validates the user's ability to perform tasks typically associated with more advanced usage of the product and job knowledge. To successfully pass this exam, the user should have at least 500 hours of in-depth product experience.

## Flexible Exam Design

- The Associate exam includes 30 items that do not require use of the Autodesk application.
- The Professional exam includes 20 performance-based items requiring use of the Autodesk application.
- The Expert exam includes 20 performance-based and job-specific items requiring use of the application.
- Tests run 60 to 90 minutes each.
- Students can mark items and return to them later.
- Students can take a break and restart their test without losing time.
- Certification exam objectives support career pathways in architecture and construction; manufacturing; and STEM and align to national academic standards for STEM and language arts.

## Exam Testing Site Requirements

The Professional and Expert exams require the licensed Autodesk application on each testing station (for example, the AutoCAD® 2009 exam requires AutoCAD 2009 software).

## Browser

Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 5.5 or later

## Operating System

Microsoft® Windows® or Windows Vista®

## Internet Connection

Broadband connection (DSL, cable, or T1) recommended

## Next Steps

Students at colleges and universities who are interested in achieving Autodesk certification can register for exams online at **autodesk.starttest.com**. Institutions can visit **www.autodesk.com/academiccertification** to apply online, or contact your Autodesk Academic Value Added Reseller (AVAR). For more information, locate the AVAR nearest you at **www.autodesk.com/avar**.

Learn more about Autodesk certification at **www.autodesk.com/academiccertification**.

**Encourage your students to become Autodesk certified professionals, and help launch their academic or professional careers today!**