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OUR ACCREDITATIONS



As part of our umbrella company, Think360, iStudent Academy is required to comply with international standards for venues, equipment, courseware and instructors. iStudent Academy also has a policy of employing only trainers who have both strong presentation skills and reasonable industry experience in the disciplines they are expected to teach. iStudent Academy instructors who train Microsoft courses are required therefore to be Microsoft Certified Trainers (MCT). In becoming MCTs, instructors attend a formal program of instruction and assessment in Presentation Skills at an organisation designated by Microsoft.

Our Microsoft Partner ID is 2388723.

Therefore students inherit:

Industry relevant qualifications

Quality assured qualifications

Internationally recognized qualifications



Any organisation that obtains CompTIA Gold Education Partner Status maintains a high level of quality in the industry ensuring that training, certifications and course material within the local iStudent Academy is legitimate and compares favourably with international standards. As an active member and participant in the CompTIA Gold Partner System, iStudent Academy adheres to these high standards and avidly promotes the value of obtaining authentic, internationally accepted CompTIA certifications.

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The CBP program accredits only business professionals who have demonstrated their commitment to excellence and expertise by both attending the necessary certification training and passing the relevant CBP exam(s). The CBP credential allows employers and organisations to identify you as one of the leaders in your area of business.



At the end of each Microsoft course students will complete an MTM evaluation form. This is an official Microsoft evaluation system that allows students to evaluate the scope of the course as well as the trainer's ability and presentation skills. This is an invaluable tool to Microsoft and to iStudent Academy in monitoring customer satisfaction and identifying areas of improvement.



As an authorised international Testing Centre, iStudent Academy is required to comply with strict regulations governing the administration of international certification exams. A Test Centre Administrator is appointed at each branch to care for such administration. These administrators are required to pass a rigorous international exam in order to qualify. It is under their competent direction that all pre-assessment and aptitude testing at iStudent Academy is conducted.

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Pearson VUE provides a full suite of services from test development to data management, and delivers exams through the worlds' most comprehensive and secure network of test centers.



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Accreditation no: ACC/2015/05/0010

Media, Information and Communication Technologies
Sector Education and Training Authority

Accelerating quality skills towards an information savvy society

iStudent Academy is fully accredited by the MICT Seta as a training provider and as such provides an assurance of training quality and adherence to SAQA service standard requirements. Provider Number: ACC/2015/05/0010



iStudent Academy reaches the exacting standards of the Internationally prestigious, UK based education authority, City & Guilds, and thus was granted approval under the unique centre number of 848515.

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5 Benefits of Microsoft Certifications



Why getting a MCSD, MCSE or MCSA certification makes sense for you and your employer.

There are many benefits, but let's face facts - certifications fuel new careers and six-figure salaries. Experts agree that opportunities in IT are only growing, and more opportunities with a proven set of skills translate into higher pay. Certifications place you in a position to take advantage of them.

1. Technology Drives Business Success

Technology now affects more businesses in more ways than ever before. From SMBs to large enterprises technology routinely sits at the center of business strategy. According to a recent study by CompTIA, 80% of organizations indicate their IT skills gap affect at least one business area such as staff productivity (41%), customer service / engagement (32%), and security (31%). Gaps in IT skills are likely hindering companies' optimal utilization of technology and presumably hampering business successes.

Most professionals in hiring positions already recognize that investing in staff training is typically a cheaper option than hiring new employees; after all employees are a company's most valuable asset.

2. Knowledge is Power

You: Employee skill levels are directly responsible for how an organization performs in several key areas of IT. Seventy-five percent of managers believe that certifications are important to team performance. 2

Your Employer: Companies with Microsoft Certified Professionals experienced shorter server downtimes and greater productivity in the help-desk function, which more than paid for the direct and indirect costs associated with certification.

Did you know... help desk certified professionals can handle 11% more phone calls and 28% more field service calls, and have a lower staff turnover rate (16% versus 24%).

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3. Job Satisfaction

You: Job Security

- > 91% of hiring managers consider certification as part of their hiring criteria. 4
- > Certifications are rated have extremely high or high value in validating the skills and expertise of job candidates by 64 percent of IT hiring managers. 1

Your Employer: Job Performance

- > Increase Team Productivity and Performance. Sixty-three percent of hiring managers say certified individuals are more productive than their non-certified counterparts. 2
- > Strengthen IT Staff. An employee that is a recognized MS certified subject matter expert (SME) is an important resource of knowledge and skill to other employees. This resource enhances team cohesiveness and value. On average, 40 to 55% of top-performing teams have obtained Microsoft Certifications.

4. Competitive Advantage

You: All other things being equal, employers will choose a candidate with a certification over one who lacks it. Many IT Managers agree that certifications show that an IT professional is devoted to their career. This is supported by CompTIA's findings with regards to hiring managers' perceptions on certifications:

- > 59% of hiring managers said that it showed a candidate's commitment to a career in IT
- > Another 61% said that certifications show subject matter expertise
- > While 58% think certifications demonstrate initiative.

Your Employer: Certifications matter to those businesses that need certified employees for specific reasons, such as partnership requirements or to satisfy client requirements. Microsoft Certifications elicit a distinct competitive edge in RFPs, contracts and bids for your company by providing industry recognition of company knowledge and proficiency.

When you study information technology, you will learn the design, development, installation, and implementation of all types of computer information systems and networks. Completing a specialized qualification in Information Technology, gives you a sense of personal accomplishment, career satisfaction, and endless possibilities.

Possible careers that you might pursue when you have your qualification in information technology include network engineer, systems administrator, security specialist, and computer forensic analyst. You might also specialize in distributed systems advancement, network development, and forensics research.

Our faculty believes that academic research and industrial software development require significant understanding of both large systems development and maintenance. For this reason you will learn to work in teams on projects that foster team work and group accomplishments, as well as enhance your individual ability and comprehension of the material. Because of the rapid change in technology and constant shifting in the corporate landscape, you will also come to understand the importance of lifelong learning and self-education as you develop as a professional.

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What should I get paid when I am qualified as a Microsoft Professional?

Based on research conducted by Payscale South Africa, Internationally recognized professionals in Information Technology benefit from a higher job potential and salary bracket.

MCSD

The Microsoft Certified Solution Developer (MCSD) credential is the premier certification for professionals who design and develop leading-edge business solutions with Microsoft development tools, technologies, platforms, and the Microsoft Windows® architecture.

Employees with a Microsoft Certified Solution Developer (MCSD) Certification
Salary Ranges by Job

Job Title	National Salary Data per annum
Software Developer 47 salaries	R88,769 - R464,706
.NET Software Developer / Programmer 24 salaries	R48,000 - R392,532
Software Engineer 13 salaries	R185,476 - R717,489
Business Intelligence (BI) Developer 7 salaries	R180,000
C# Developer 7 salaries	R263,000

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MCSE

Short for Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, a certification given by Microsoft that indicates the recipient has gone through a specific training course and is knowledgeable in Microsoft systems, including the design of infrastructures, installing, configuring and administering Microsoft systems and migrating those systems to later services.

MCSE is a widely recognized certification. According to the company, the certification is appropriate for systems engineers, technical support engineers, systems analysts, network analysts and technical consultants.

Employees with a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) Certification

Salary Ranges by Job

Job Title

National Salary Data per annum

[Information Technology \(IT\) Manager](#)

84 salaries

R208,575 - R600,638

[Support Technician, Information Technology \(IT\)](#)

64 salaries

R59,495 - R268,500

[Systems Engineer, IT](#)

52 salaries

R146,455 - R425,562

[Systems Administrator](#)

49 salaries

R151,200 - R400,740

[Support Engineer, Information Technology \(IT\)](#)

44 salaries

R91,184 - R260,000

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MCSA

The Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) certification is the industry standard for demonstrating competence in managing and troubleshooting network environments based on the Windows Server 2012 operating systems.

Employees with a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) Certification
Salary Ranges by Job

Job Title	National Salary Data per annum
Systems Administrator 46 salaries	R97,871 - R379,374
Systems Engineer, IT 35 salaries	R139,620 - R421,055
Information Technology (IT) Manager 30 salaries	R178,038 - R599,669
Systems Engineer (Computer Networking / IT) 21 salaries	R60,820 - R401,992
Information Technology (IT) Consultant 18 salaries	R77,477 - R375,727

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