

# CREATE YOUR FUTURE

## DEVELOP SKILLS REQUIRED BY TODAY'S COLLEGES AND CAREERS

Start with being more efficient using Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, OneNote and SharePoint. Explore new products like Windows 8, dive into the Cloud and Office 365, discover various IT careers, or jump in and create games and mobile applications. Your high school has the curriculum to get you there! More than 50% of today's jobs require some technology skills, and experts say that percentage will increase to 77% in the next decade (source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics).

"One thing that you know absolutely with Microsoft Certification is that you have street cred."

— Genevieve L'Esperance  
Student, Montreal, Canada

Microsoft IT Academy offers basic technology skills curriculum that will help you across all school subjects throughout your education and in your career, as well as technical courses for those of you interested in IT careers after graduation.

IT is one industry that continues to thrive despite the current economic climate; there is a global need for people highly skilled in Microsoft technologies. Our world-class Microsoft IT Academy curriculum will help you gain hands-on skills and experience that you need to succeed in college and in technology careers.

## GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE WITH MICROSOFT IT ACADEMY

The IT Academy program offers classroom and online learning, hands-on labs, and access to hundreds of courses, books, cutting-edge resources, and collaboration tools. In addition, check out these benefits accessible to you through your school's IT Academy program:

### **Certification**

Basic skills or advanced IT - IT Academy training leads toward Microsoft certification that can help you earn college credits and put your resume at the top of the stack with industry validated, qualifications recognized by employers around the world. Certified Employees reported a higher average salary of 5.4 percent over non-certified employees. (source: Global Knowledge, *IT Skills and Salary Survey*, Mar 2011).

"Certification helps me differentiate myself from the other people that are applying for jobs."

— Steve Markovitch  
Student, Detroit, Michigan, USA

➔ Learn more at <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/cert-overview.aspx>.

### Compete in the Imagine Cup

Join students from around the world with passion for technology and innovation to solve real problems. Learn how Microsoft and sponsors like Nokia are helping students bring these solutions to life.

➔ Find out more at [www.imaginecup.com](http://www.imaginecup.com).

### ACE College Credit

The American Council on Education (ACE) has recommended college credit for many Microsoft Certifications. Students can get college credit for earning select certifications.

➔ Visit <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/college-credit.aspx#overview> for details.

### Go Underground - Student Mobile Application Development

Join thousands of student developers. Start building awesome apps for Windows Phone. Find code, support, fun surprises, and more.

➔ Click here to get started: <http://www.microsoft.com/student/en/us/findyourcolony/default.aspx>

### Become a Microsoft Student Partner

Know Windows like the back of your hand? Do you have what it takes to be a Microsoft Student Partner (MSP)? Start rocking your campus today!

➔ Become an MSP at [www.microsoftstudentpartners.com](http://www.microsoftstudentpartners.com).

### Design and Develop with Dreamspark

Dreamspark is simple: it's all about giving students Microsoft professional-level developer and designer tools at no charge so you can chase your dreams and create the next big technology breakthrough.

➔ Get started now at [www.dreamspark.com](http://www.dreamspark.com).

### Dream Big with Students to Business

Microsoft can help you get a foot in the door at your dream job with Students to Business! Develop your network with the help of Microsoft and 395,000 organizations using Microsoft technologies.

➔ Learn more at [www.microsoft.com/studentstobusiness](http://www.microsoft.com/studentstobusiness).

### Investigate the Microsoft Learning IT Career Portal

If you are a student looking for a job in IT, the Microsoft Student Career Portal can help you get the proper training and earn Microsoft Certifications.

➔ Start your career in IT today at [www.microsoft.com/learning/student-career](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/student-career).

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The Microsoft IT Academy program at your school can provide you with the future ready technology skills they need to be successful in college and in their career. Visit [www.microsoft.com/itacademy](http://www.microsoft.com/itacademy) to find out more.