



Prepare students for
success in the classroom
and their career.

Welcome to the first Mississippi IT Academy (ITA) monthly communication. Stay up to date with this exciting new program.

All members should now have access to their institutions own ITA member ID and Program Key. Please ensure you are using only that membership so that we can have accurate reporting and show program growth. If you need assistance accessing the ITA member site, please email Megan Hochstatter at v-mehoch@microsoft.com.

ITA Office Hours!

Join this monthly session to hear program updates from MDE, Microsoft and Certiport. The majority of the time will be open for educators to ask questions and share best practices. The first office hour session will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 3PM Central.

Registration Link:

<https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/microsoft1/Registration.aspx?pageName=6fnzgb3gxv2g9h0t>



Don't forget to register your school as a testing center at www.certiport.com, accept your site license, and install Console 8!!

Once you do this, you can start getting your students certified as soon as you think they are ready.

Certiport hosts weekly webinars on how to navigate through the website and Console 8. Click [here](#) to join the webinars. Also, feel free to contact Sara Cox, Mississippi Deployment Manager at Certiport with any questions at sara.cox@pearson.com



Plan Ahead for the 2016 MOS U.S. National Championship!

Certiport is excited to announce that we'll be implementing a new structure for the 2016 MOS U.S. National Championship, with a Fall Qualifier and a Spring Qualifier.

The qualifiers mean that invitations will be extended to the state's top scorer in each exam category after both semesters, giving even more students the chance to participate in the 2016 MOS U.S. National Championship. More students, more fun!

Below are the important dates you and your students need to know:

- **December 11, 2015:** Deadline for the Fall Qualifier for the 2016 MOS U.S. National Championship
- **May 13, 2016:** Deadline for the Spring Qualifier for the 2016 MOS U.S. National Championship
- **June 28-30, 2016:** 2016 MOS U.S. National Championship
- **August 7-10, 2016:** 2016 MOS World Championship

More information coming soon!

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