

# create your future



## DEVELOP SKILLS REQUIRED BY COLLEGES AND CAREERS.

The Microsoft Imagine Academy program offers technology skills development that can help you throughout your education and in your career.

More than 50% of today's jobs require some technology skills, and experts say that number will increase to 77% over the next decade.<sup>1</sup>

Your Microsoft Imagine Academy program is designed to prepare you for the future by building your expertise in today's most popular technologies. Start with the Microsoft Office suite of programs like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Explore new products like Windows 8. Dive into the Cloud and Office 365. Discover various IT careers, or create games and mobile applications.

Because the IT industry 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 can help you gain the skills and experience you need

to succeed in college and in a promising career.

### **GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE WITH MICROSOFT IMAGINE ACADEMY**

The Microsoft Imagine Academy program offers classroom and online learning, hands-on labs, and access to hundreds of courses, books, and cutting-edge resources. Other program benefits include:

#### **Microsoft Certification**

The Microsoft Imagine Academy program is designed to help you prepare for Microsoft Certification. Certification can help you earn college credits and enhance your resume with credentials that are recognized by employers around the world. In fact, certified professionals report earning a 5.4% higher average salary than their non-certified peers<sup>2</sup>.

Learn more at:

[www.microsoft.com/learning/certification](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/certification)

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

*Genevieve L'Esperance  
Student  
Montreal, Canada*

<sup>1</sup> US Bureau of Labor Statistics

<sup>2</sup> Global Knowledge, IT Skills and Salary Survey, Mar 2011



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

*Steve Markovitch  
Student,  
Detroit, Michigan*

### **Get College Credit**

The American Council on Education (ACE) has recommended college credit for many Microsoft Certifications. For details, visit: [www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/college-credit.aspx](http://www.microsoft.com/learning/en/us/certification/college-credit.aspx)

### **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)

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